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PUNO, Peru

Hopes for eventual peace soared in September with the arrest of Abimael Guzman and most of the central committee of his Shining Path revolutionary group. But almost five months later, Peru's Maoist rebellion seems to have barely skipped a beat.

Few thought the arrest of Guzman would lead to the immediate collapse of the Shining Path, but many officials declared that the end was in sight. "By 1995, we will eliminate the Path's genocidal terrorism," President Alberto Fujimori vowed two weeks ago.

But here in Puno, on the shore of the 2-mile-high Lake Titicaca, few people seem to share that optimism.

Shining Path attacks have killed 34 people in this area since mid-September. A battle in northern Puno department last week left eight guerrillas and three army soldiers dead and 20 guerrillas wounded.

"Guzman's capture was a psychological blow, but it did not affect the military situation at all," said Walter Aguirre, a potato farmer who dares to make only fleeting, irregular visits to his farm in Azangaro, 60 miles north of here.

"In Azangaro, the Path controls the peasant association and the mothers' club. When school let out in December, they took teen-agers away for training at their People's School."

Here and across Peru, human rights groups report that attacks by the Shining Path intensified after Guzman's arrest.

In the 12 weeks after the arrest, it carried out 474 attacks nationwide, killing 365 people, according to the Legal Defense Institute, a Lima human rights group. This death toll was one-quarter higher than in the 12 weeks before his arrest.

"The struggle does not end with the capture of Abimael Guzman," Edmundo Cox, the Shining Path's top military commander in the Puno region, reportedly lectured a peasant assembly recently.

Peruvians increasingly stress the social and economic roots of the rebellion. "If you kill the pope and all the bishops, is the church dead?" asked Juan Jose Vizcarra, a law and order candidate in mayoral elections Jan. 29 in Lima. "Social conditions are so bad that if there was no Shining Path there would be another group."

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Shining Path Leaves Dark Trail

A classified report on the world's most ruthless terrorist group recently reached President Bush's desk. The subject is the Shining Path, which controls the hinterlands of Peru. It recruits children as young as 12, indoctrinates them at rural training bases and molds them into killers who mutilate their victims to terrorize the populace.

The report warns that the terrorists have been tightening a noose around Lima and that there is a real danger Peru's capital city could be cut off from the rest of the country. That probably would cause the collapse of President Alberto Fujimori's government and permit the Shining Path to seize power.

The report gloomily suggests that—even with U.S. support—it may be too late to stop the radicalization of Peru.

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Paunchy Revolutionary

Guzman Brings Peru a Taste of '70s China

By Don Podesta
Washington Post Foreign Service

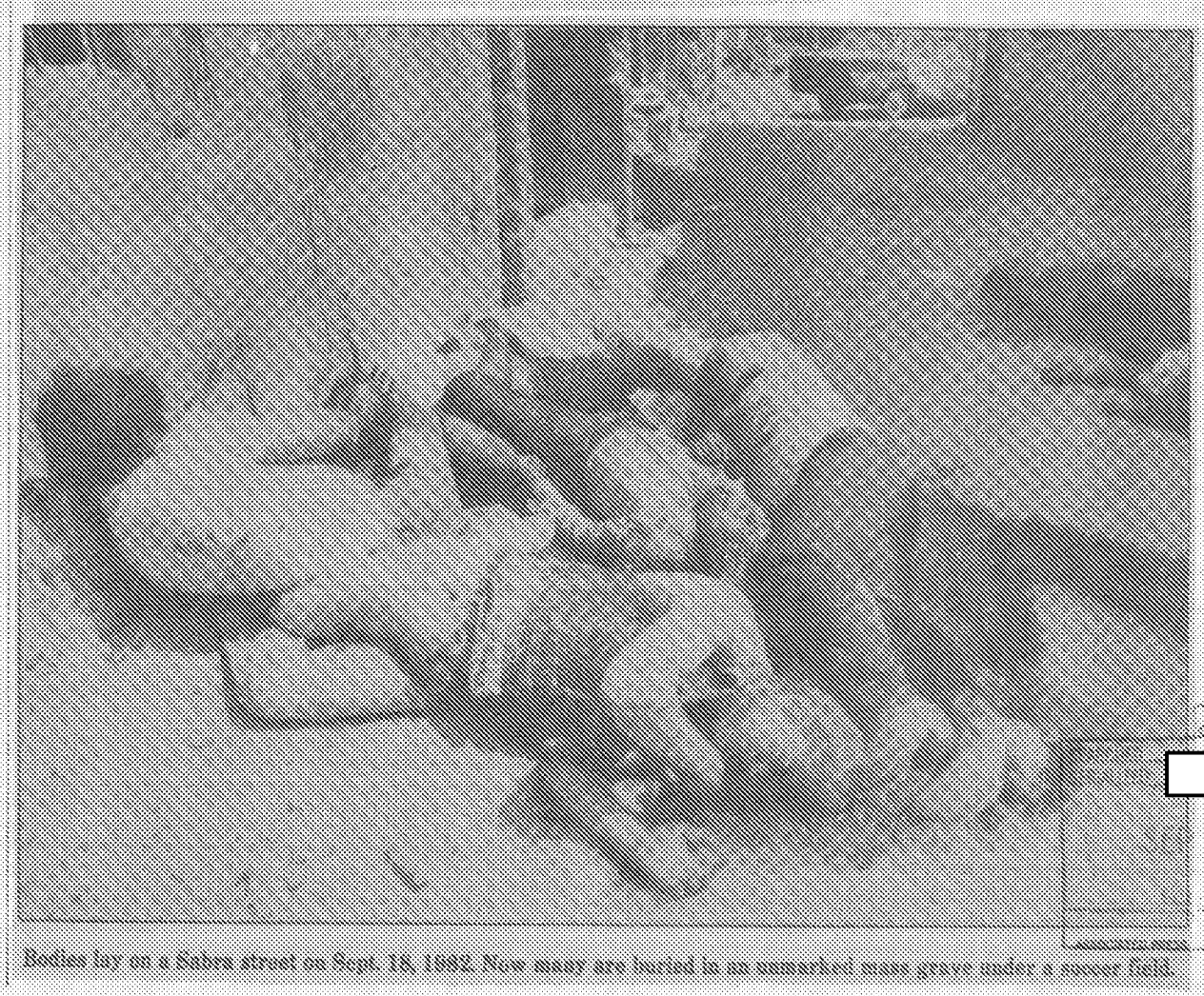
LIMA, Peru, Sept. 15—His sagging midriff, bad skin and chubby, shaggy cheeks don't inspire much awe, but whatever his physical appearance, Shining Path leader Abimael Guzman embodies the brutality that has ravaged this Andean country for more than a decade.

The war has taken nearly 25,000 lives and caused an estimated $21 billion in damage.

How a professor of philosophy from an obscure university in the Andes could have emerged as such a destructive force—a man whom U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Bernard Aronson has described variously as Peru's Pol Pot and "Charlie Manson with an army"—is not easy to see. Why would any Peruvian follow a man whose program is not to win political converts but to use terror to destroy the state and the economy and take power amid the rubble?

Like much else in this complex, variegated country, the explanations are multiple, sometimes subtle and often contradictory.

His followers are battle-hardened fighters who wield modern firearms and whose tactics include massive car bombs, yet Guzman likes to be portrayed holding a book. "To wage war, it is necessary to be a philos-



Bodies lay on a Sabra street on Sept. 18, 1982. Now many are buried in an unmarked mass grave under a soccer field.

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who is carrying out an extensive study of women in Shining Path stronghold areas, women are often mistreated within the organization.

"Women who join the party practically have to resign from being a woman," she said. They are expected to behave exactly like men, receiving no consideration even for their physical hygiene needs. On the other hand, some female militants are forced into performing sexual favors for the men, she said.

The illegitimate son of a middle-class businessman in the highland city of Arequipa, Guzman was 5 when he lost his mother. Introverted and serious, Guzman excelled in school, graduating from the University of Arequipa, where he wrote a thesis on Kant's theory of space.

At 29 he married Augusta la Torre, the daughter of a local Communist leader. She is believed to have died two years ago.

Guzman took a teaching job in the philosophy department at the University of Huamanga in Ayacucho in the early 1960s, when leftist influence was on the rise in the university and when debate between reform and revolution in Latin America was impassioned. By then, Guzman was a member of the Peruvian Communist Party, which was soon to split into pro-Soviet and pro-Chinese factions.

Because the split took place during Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev's period of de-Stalinization, the rabidly authoritarian Guzman chose the pro-Beijing faction, whose newspaper was named Sendero Luminoso, or Shining Path.

ABIMAEL GUZMAN
. . . called a Peruvian Pol Pot

Guzman attended cadre school in China during the Cultural Revolution of 1966-76 and came away imbued with Mao Zedong's doctrine of "people's war," which has been central to Shining Path's strategy ever since.

The death of Mao and the rise of the reformist Deng Xiaoping in China isolated the Shining Path. Since then, the movement has come to view itself as the center of true world revolution and Guzman, who goes by the nom de guerre Gonzalo, as the "fourth sword of Marxism" after Marx, Lenin and Mao.

When the guerrillas opened their war against the state in 1980, they hung the corpses of dogs from Lima

Rooted in the impoverished Andean highlands, where Indians predominate, the group vehemently protested government efforts to restrict free education, the only hope for social mobility among the poor. In the slums that crowd in on Lima, overflowing with immigrants from the countryside, the idea that the Shining Path represents some possibility for change is well received by a small minority.

Guzman's authoritarian, "philosopher-warrior" approach also has roots that run deep in Peruvian culture. "The 'Andean Maoism' of Shining Path is a hybrid," specialist Carlos Ivan Degregori has written, "woven from Maoist authoritarianism and the most authoritarian aspects of Peruvian political tradition."

At bottom, though, it may be that Guzman's powers of persuasion are enough to account for his following. According to Gorriti, some of his followers used to call him Shampoo—"because he brainwashes you."

Guzman has been arrested three times before, most recently in 1979. After a lawyer secured his release, he went underground, where he remained until his capture Saturday.

"This is more of a cult than a movement," Aronson said in a telephone interview. "This man is not just followed, he is worshipped," so shattering Guzman's image of invincibility gives the Peruvian government a much-needed edge over the guerrillas in morale. Nevertheless, Aronson said, "it's important that no one write the premature obituary of Shining Path."

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Capture strikes heart of S. American rebels

By MARY SPECK
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BOGOTA, Colombia

Abimael Guzman — better known to his Shining Path followers as The Guide — has been captured by Peruvian police, decapitating South America's most powerful and ruthless guerrilla movement.

Elite police troops took Guzman captive late Saturday in a house in Surco, a middle-class district of Lima. Police sources say he offered no resistance.

At least seven other key Shining Path leaders were arrested in the area, where they apparently had gathered before a meeting of the movement's central committee.

The Shining Path, known in Spanish as Sendero Luminoso, declared war on the government in 1980, plunging the country into violence that has devastated the economy and taken more than 25,000 lives in a population of about 20 million.

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Guzman, 57, is Shining Path's founder, figurehead and chief strategist. His capture is the biggest blow to date against a movement that has spread from Peru's impoverished Indian highlands to the squalid squatter settlements that surround Lima.

"Guzman for his followers is a combination of Christ and the pope," said Enrique Zileri, editor of the magazine Caretas in Lima. "The cult of personality is fundamental to Sendero — but he wasn't just a figurehead. He was also the one who laid down the overall strategy."

Guzman's capture is unlikely to dismantle the underground organization throughout the country. And Peruvians fear that the immediate consequence might be an outburst of revenge killings.

"These people direct the most violent and vicious terrorist group that has ever existed in Latin America," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Bernard Aronson said Sunday.

Aronson said it was too early to tell whether Guzman's capture would help restore a sense of legitimacy to the Peruvian government or help mend relations between Lima and Washington, which have been strained since President Alberto Fujimori dissolved the Legislature, the courts and the constitution in April.

Guzman faces a trial behind closed doors by an anonymous military tribunal. The charge is expected to be treason, and the sentence life in prison without parole.

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Peru's Prophet of Terror

BY GUSTAVO GORRITI

Abimael Guzmán

Led by a ruthless extremist, guerrillas of the Marxist "Shining Path" have plunged Peru into a nightmare. Those who stand in the way of their revolution have been murdered: priests, village officials and peasants who resist indoctrination. Already their insurgency has cost 25,000 lives and turned 200,000 people into refugees in their own country. The guerrillas have wrested control of villages throughout the Peruvian Andes and are now gaining a foothold in urban slums and shantytowns. The rebels' goal is not only to turn Peru into a Maoist state, but to export the revolution to Bolivia, Ecuador—and beyond.

Guerrilla leaders boast that they will seize power within the decade. Though nowhere near achieving this, they have severely damaged Peru. The deterioration caused by the guerrilla war paved the way for the overthrow of democracy last April, when President Alberto Fujimori shut down congress and suspended the constitution.

Peruvian journalist Gustavo Gorriti, a leading authority on the Shining Path, here tells the story behind this shadowy group and its sinister leader.

THE AROMA of barbecued chicken filled the air inside the bright, open room. Laughter floated from the groups of people who had sacrificed precious earnings to join in

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this neighborhood feast. It was February 15, 1992, a summer day in the Peruvian shantytown of Villa El Salvador. The gathering was to raise money for the community's neediest children.

Standing in one corner, surrounded by admirers, was a slender woman with an arresting smile. She was Maria Elena Moyano, 33, vice mayor of the Villa and a beacon of hope for a country racked by violence and poverty.

No one had worked harder to transform the Villa than Moyano. She had been a volunteer teacher, then a founder of women's organizations and finally an elected community leader.

But her good works had made a powerful enemy. As the Villa neighbors ate their barbecue together, gunfire shattered the calm. Amid screams of terror, a handful of men and women armed with pistols and homemade grenades burst through the crowd.

Moyano tried to back away, but a woman standing next to her suddenly produced a pistol and fired at point-blank range. "Oh, God!" Moyano cried out. In seconds, the band of assassins was pumping more bullets into her body as she slumped to the concrete floor.

The terrorists grabbed Moyano by her hair and dragged her outside. Then they wedged dynamite under her body and sprinted out of sight. The air rocked with a massive explosion. When the dust finally settled, all that was left to mourn of Maria Elena Moyano was a memory.

Everyone in Peru knew who was behind the slaying: Abimael Guzmán Reynoso, founder and leader of the communist Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) guerrillas. Guzmán has been in hiding since 1979, a year before he launched his rebel war. To his "Senderista" disciples he is "the greatest Marxist alive, continuator of Marx, Lenin and President Mao Zedong." Currently the Shining Path effectively controls about one-tenth of the country's population of 22 million. If they triumph in Peru, the price could be many years of turmoil for the Western Hemisphere.

"Only Comrades." Abimael Guzmán was born out of wedlock on December 3, 1934, in the seaport town of Mollendo. After graduating near the top of his class in a Catholic high school, the quiet youth studied philosophy and law at the University of San Agustín. There his thinking was shaped in part by Carlos de la Riva, a painter, writer and fervent Stalinist. By early 1960, Guzmán had joined the Communist Party of Peru.

Two years later Guzmán was named a philosophy professor at the University of Huamanga in Ayacucho, an isolated and neglected department in the southwestern Andes. While guarding his professional image—that of an earnest teacher with a penchant for Beethoven, Joyce and Hemingway—Guzmán recruited students into the Party.

Occasionally, the teacher's polite demeanor could turn rude and dismissive—particularly toward anyone

who left the Communist Party. "Why do you treat friends this way?" he was sometimes asked. "I don't have friends," Guzmán would reply tersely. "I have only comrades."

Guzmán went to China during the catastrophic "Cultural Revolution." In one class on explosives, an instructor tossed pens to the students, which blew up in their hands. When the astounded students sat down, their seats also exploded.

"It was fireworks all around," as Guzmán described the scene. "Carefully measured—just to let us know that you can blow up anything if you have enough ingenuity." It was a lesson he would never forget.

Back in Peru, the Communists were undergoing schisms. In 1970 Guzmán established a splinter faction that came to be known as the Communist Party of Peru—By Way of the Shining Path of Mariátegui. (José Carlos Mariátegui was the guiding spirit behind Peruvian communism earlier in the century.) At about the same time, Guzmán became director of personnel at the university. He used his power over hiring and firing to help give his Shining Path movement control over the school.

In 1976, Guzmán resigned his post and ordered large numbers of cadres into the countryside to lay the political groundwork for an armed insurgency. Finally Guzmán himself disappeared underground.

Ruthless Strategy. The Shining Path struck first on the night of May 17, 1980, in the Andean town of Chuschi. On the eve of Peru's first democratic elections in years, a small band of Senderistas, carrying knives and clubs, burst into the polling station, set fire to all the ballot boxes and fled.

Seven months later, downtown residents of the capital city, Lima, awoke to the sight of dead dogs hanging from lampposts. Wrapped around the animals' bodies were signs reading "Deng Xiaoping, Son of a Bitch!" Guzmán's message was clear: the post-Mao leadership in China had been taken over by "traitorous revisionists." Shining Path was the new torchbearer of world revolution.

At first, many Peruvians refused to take the bizarre group seriously. Then, across the country, small-town mayors, post-office employees and police began to be gunned down.

Guzmán's strategy was to wrest control from the Peruvian state gradually, at the village and district level, replacing it with shadow governments under local "people's committees." In the process, he would indoctrinate a core group of villagers who would supply his militants with food, shelter, clothing and new recruits.

Guzmán also set out to destroy anything that could ease the condition of the poor peasants. If they were suffering, he could better win them over.

The University of Huamanga farm of Allpachaka was one of that school's proudest achievements: an experimental farm where agro-industrial projects were developed, seed for An-

dean crops improved and breeds of cattle adapted to the region. In August 1982, a Shining Path assault squad swooped down on the farm. For several hours, the guerrillas went on a rampage, slaughtering the penned animals with guns, axes and machetes, and dynamiting farm buildings.

Stunned professors and students set out in two buses to rebuild what could be salvaged. They were met by masked and armed Senderistas. The farm was a focus of "imperialistic penetration and reformist illusion," the guerrillas warned the group. The buses rattled back to Ayacucho. The farm was never rebuilt.

Dark Threats. Even though Shining Path terrorism hurt mostly the poor, Guzmán's movement gathered support among a small percentage of the peasantry, particularly those of Indian heritage, who had been shut out of Peru's economic and political life for centuries. Radical students, trade-union activists and shantytown dwellers were also targeted by recruiters.

Feeding on despair, the Shining Path's militants—only a few thousand—were soon exerting an influence far beyond their numbers. The armed forces retaliated, but their inept, extreme methods proved counterproductive. Widespread torture of detainees and the killing of suspects helped nurture sympathy for the subversives. During the mid-1980s, the Shining Path's recruitments were higher than the losses they suffered.

These recruits were often brought in through coercion. "If you do not fight with us," the guerrillas would say darkly, "you and your family will be exposed as enemies of the people." Rebels also publicly beat or executed dissenters.

Once inside the Shining Path, relentless indoctrination and group pressure would frequently turn even those forced to join into converts. Fanaticism, drilled into them through endless shouted or sung repetition of slogans, reinforced discipline.

Some districts overcame their fear and rebelled against Shining Path rule. Reprisals were terrible.

South of Ayacucho lies the cattle community of Lucanamarca. After almost two years of ruthless control by the Shining Path, the town, along with two neighboring communities, Huancasancos and Sacsamarca, revolted, killing or expelling the Senderistas. The Shining Path's leadership ordered retribution.

Senderistas arrived in Lucanamarca close to 4 p.m. one day, killing everyone they met along the way. The people had little more than slingshots with which to fight back. Dozens took refuge in the town's church. The guerrillas turned the place of worship into a slaughterhouse, axing many to death. At least 75 were murdered that day.

Just as Guzmán planned, public outrage at such gruesome terror was undercut by a Peruvian military that unleashed blind violence in retaliation. Detained people often just "disappeared."

As the menace from Guzmán

grew, the hunt for him became an obsession with the Peruvian government. In early 1986, he proved just how easily he could mock the authorities by visiting a former lawyer of his, Laura Caller, in a Lima hospital. Just minutes before Guzmán strolled into her room, Caller had entertained another visitor: Peru's President Alan García Pérez.

Drug Money. By the late 1980s, Shining Path controlled the Upper Huallaga Valley—the source of most of the world's cocaine. Peasant coca growers received Shining Path protection from government police and also from abusive drug traffickers. Senderistas gathered tribute from those who ran the area's cocaine-base labs and the Colombian-piloted light-plane traffic that took shipments from airstrips under guerrilla control. The cocaine was processed in Colombia and then flown to the United States—the world's largest cocaine market—most often landing in the hands of wholesalers in Miami. Cocaine brought in $10 million to $30 million a year to Shining Path, helping pay for the cadres' food and clothing, weapons and ammunition, communications equipment and medicines.

The Bush Administration launched negotiations with Fujimori to forge an effective anti-drug strategy. Then came Peru's government-led coup last spring, which prompted Bush to suspend more than $200 million in nonhumanitarian aid.

The coup has done little to erase the specter of Shining Path. Within days of the coup, in fact, Senderistas conducted raids and bombings in and around Lima. Far from fearing the government move, they made clear that they welcomed it. "Now it is us and Fujimori," a Shining Path leader said. "No one stands in the middle."

The next two or three years will likely decide the outcome of Peru's internal war. To win, the government must encourage, rather than stifle, the growing number of democratic forces that are willing to stand up to the Senderistas.

In late 1991, following the assassination of several shantytown leaders, soup-kitchen organizers, parish priests and human-rights activists, a number of grass-roots organizations rallied in protest against Shining Path. Among them were women's and neighborhood groups. Unfortunately, such popular movements halted after the government coup. But given the chance, these brave people have shown that there is no lack of leaders willing to carry on the work of their slain colleagues.

In the Andes, meanwhile, more and more villages have been organizing self-defense militias, many armed with shotguns provided by the army.

If Guzmán's legions are to be defeated in Peru, the government and its armed forces must support and work with these courageous citizens, adhering to democracy and the rule of law. These are the ones who can win back the cowed and brainwashed people who help

sustain the Shining Path army.

The price of victory will no doubt be steep in human suffering. But the alternative is far worse. Already, Shining Path cadres have carried out operations in neighboring Bolivia. And the rebels have set up underground organizations known as "Peru People's Movements"—staffed largely with Peruvian exiles—in Germany, France, Sweden, Switzerland and Mexico. Their goal is to serve Shining Path until it triumphs.

THE FUNERAL PROCESSION for Maria Elena Moyano advanced slowly from Villa El Salvador's main square to a sandy hillside cemetery three miles away. Her mother walked alongside Maria Elena's husband and two children. With them were thousands of the people she had fought for. They made their way through the Villa in defiant anger, knowing that Shining Path spies were everywhere. They had simply had enough.

"Shining Path, cowards and murderers!" they shouted, their contempt for Guzmán and his fanatic followers visible on their faces.

Only days before her death, Moyano had spoken words that now rang like a rallying cry. "I am sometimes afraid," she confessed. "But we have to do something. It won't be easy, but if the people come together, we can defeat the Shining Path."

As the endless funeral column marched on, her bold hope began to seem possible after all.

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Peru rebel gets life sentence

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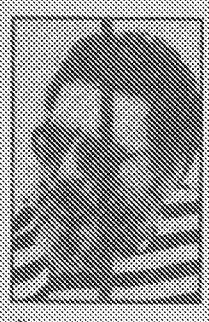
A military tribunal Wednesday convicted and sentenced Abimael Guzman, leader of the deadly Shining Path guerrilla movement, to life in prison without parole, a government communique said.

The judge also ordered the rebels to pay $25 billion for the damage they caused to Peru.



Guzman

Before rebels killed four airmen and two police officers hours before the judgment was announced.

The tribunal, after a secret 18-day trial at a naval base on a heavily guarded island off Lima, convicted Guzman of treason. Ten other rebel leaders also were convicted of the charge and received the same sentence, according to the communique from the Supreme Military Tribunal.

President Alberto Fujimori said Guzman, 57, would never be eligible for parole.

Guzman is founder and leader of the Maoist group whose brutal 12-year insurgency has caused 25,000 deaths and $22 billion in economic damage.

His Sept. 12 capture was a blow to the insurgency. But experts expect the fighting to continue for years.

During the trial Guzman was held in a 5-by-5-foot steel cage. It was the first trial of a rebel leader by a military tribunal.

Alfredo Crespo, Guzman's lawyer, has said he would appeal Guzman's sentence. Fujimori has said the nine-member Supreme Military Tribunal would have until Oct. 14 to rule on an appeal.

Hours before Guzman's conviction and sentencing were scheduled, rebels shot to death four airmen and wounded a fifth in the working-class district of La Victoria, police said.

In another attack, police said Shining Path assassins shot dead two police officers on the northern outskirts of Lima.

At midday, a 13-pound bomb exploded outside the University of San Marcos in downtown Lima, injuring a street vendor and shattering windows. Police tore down rebel banners bearing the hammer and sickle.

In a message delivered to The Associated Press this week, the Shining Path threatened Peruvians who celebrated Guzman's capture.

"We will freeze your laughter, and don't complain. Learn to suffer, learn to weep, learn to die."

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Shining Path rebels kill 44 in town that created militia

LIMA, Peru

In the most deadly attack since their leader was captured last month, Shining Path guerrillas killed 44 peasants — including 12 children — in a small highland village, survivors said Sunday.

A rebel column more than 100 strong burned homes and attacked the village of Huayao with firearms and explosives for more than three hours overnight, survivors told the Lima daily El Comercio.

Huayao, 230 miles southeast of Lima, had organized a militia to defend villagers against the Maoist rebels.

More than 25,000 people have died in political violence since 1980.

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Shining Path winds its way into America

Maoists recruit Latinos for its revolution

The Washington Post

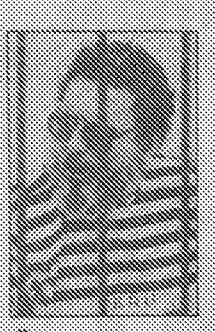
LOS ANGELES

Spanish-language graffiti declare the arrival of a new gang in a city already rife with them. But this gang is different. It calls its leader "chairman," its symbol is a red flag mounted on a bayonet, and it follows a Peruvian guerrilla organization with a reputation as one of the bloodiest in the world.

It is the Shining Path — and it has come to L.A.

The Pico-Union district, just west of downtown Los Angeles, is where its supporters have put down deepest roots. Spray-painted on the burnt-out shell of a store — for this was one of the centers of the riots last spring — is the cry, "Free Chairman Gonzalo, Victory to the People's War in Peru."

The arrest and imprisonment in September of Gonzalo — nom de guerre of the Peruvian rebel leader, Abimael Guzman — has energized Shining Path's American arm, the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. On these poor, run-down streets, the RCP has targeted Latinos as potential recruits for revolution.



Guzman

Party members are busy distributing Obrero Revolucionario, the Spanish edition of their newspaper, Revolutionary Worker. They're showing videos on the "People's War in Peru" to groups of teen-agers. And they're helping locals take on the "powers that be," shorthand for the police and the immigration service.

"(We're) preparing for revolution, gathering strength, weakening the enemy," said Carl Dix, the RCP's national spokesman, from a back room in Libros Revolucion, the RCP's downtown bookstore. As he spoke, portraits of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao peered down on him, with Mao's face appearing again, stamped on Dix's T-shirt.

"(We're) building the kind of unity that's required to launch a revolutionary insurrection when the time is right," he said.

Dix, 44, moved here from New York after the rebellion — the RCP's preferred term for the Los Angeles riots — when the party issued a call for "frontline revolutionary fighters" to gather in Los Angeles to join the battle.

"In the flames of the L.A. rebellion we very clearly saw the potential for future proletarian revolution," he said.

It was the moment Dix and his comrades had been thirsting for.

Since its founding in 1975, the RCP has felt little in the way of vindication. On the margins of the already-peripheral world of the American left, these committed Maoists had been in business only a year when their guru died and his Great Cultural Revolution started unraveling in China.

Shortly afterward, the RCP nearly lost its American leader, too. A 1979 clash with police during a White House visit by China's Deng Xao-Ping — a "traitor" to Mao in RCP demonology — led to the arrest of nearly 70 party members, including the chairman, Bob Avakian.

Facing various assault charges that could have put him in prison for decades, he fled to France in 1981. He has lived there "in exile" ever since, although charges against him were dropped as part of a plea agreement with other defendants in 1982. Avakian remains chairman of the party's central committee, but even Dix says he has not spoken to him since his flight.

The word "shadowy" might have been invented for the RCP.

Its newspaper says members are active in 20 cities, from Miami to Honolulu. But the name of the editor is secret. Ask Dix how many members the party claims and he repeats the old Malcolm X mantra, "Those who know don't say; those who say don't know."

Although the FBI has been known to keep close tabs on such groups in the past, a spokesman in Washington insisted that bureau guidelines prevented investigation of them "unless they commit violent acts."

RCP support for the Shining Path, or Sendero Luminoso in Spanish, began in 1980, when Guzman declared his war against Lima. The party immediately identified itself as Sendero's "branch" in the United States. With Mao gone, the pockets of rebel-held territory in the Andes became the only place in the world the party could look to as a model.

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Peruvian rebel group hurt, but still potent

The New York Times

LIMA, Peru

Two months after the capture of its leader, Abimael Guzman Reynoso, police officials say that the Peruvian rebel group known as Shining Path is riven by dissent, betrayal and an internal power struggle.

In a possible sign of the organization's weakness, a strike called in the capital last week and aimed at disrupting congressional elections this week largely was defied despite a weeklong series of bombing attacks that killed two and wounded 45.

But the police warn that Shining Path's disarray, which they have determined from captured documents and the interrogation of arrested leaders and defectors, does not mean that the 12-year-old war against the rebel group is over.

Shining Path still has an estimated 8,000 fighters and the police say the overall level of violence throughout the country has not diminished appreciably since Guzman's arrest.

Since the arrest on Sept. 12, the anti-terrorist police have also rounded up most of the Shining Path's Central Committee. Most recently, on Oct. 20, four of the top five leaders of Socorro Popular, the group responsible for all military operations in Lima, were captured along with a cache of documents.

"It is like a wounded wild animal," a senior police official who insisted on anonymity said. "We cannot say the Shining Path has been finished. The head has been hurt. But the arms continue to be active and they can do a lot of harm.

"The danger now is that uncontrolled parts of the organization can turn into assassination squads and bands of killers. Peru could pass through a very bloody time."

— Police official

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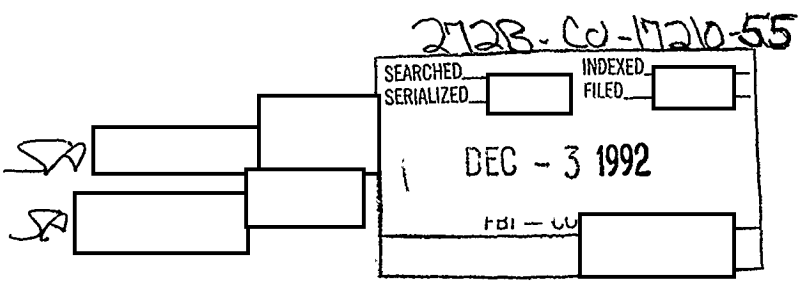
Some of the fear of Shining Path, whose full name is Communist Party of Peru in the Shining Path of Jose Carlos Mariategui, after an early Peruvian Socialist, also has noticeably diminished.

In their call for an "armed strike" in the capital, the rebels threatened to kill taxi and bus drivers who went to work as well as shop owners who opened their stores. A similar strike in July virtually shut down the capital.

On morning of Nov. 18, however, the center of Lima bustled with workers. In some of the shantytowns around the city, where the Shining Path's presence has been strong, there were fewer buses and less traffic. But large numbers of workers still poured into the streets to go to their jobs, and those interviewed said they did not fear reprisals by the Shining Path as they had two months ago.



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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED ON DECEMBER 6, 1992, BY CABLE FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LIMA, PERU, AND IS BEING PROVIDED TO FBIHQ AND COLUMBIA FOR THEIR INFORMATION:

"PERU: ALLEGED THREAT TO U.S. DEA AGENTS.

DURING THE MORNING HOURS OF 29 NOVEMBER, A GROUP OF U.S.

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COMMENT: THERE IS NO INFORMATION SUBSTANTIATING THE THREAT, BUT IT WOULD BE LITTLE TROUBLE FOR A PERUVIAN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING GROUP TO SHIFT BLAME ON AN AMBUSH OF DEA AGENTS TO EITHER THE SHINING PATH (SL) OR THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA). BECAUSE PRESIDENT FUJIMORI LIFTED THE VEHICLE CURFEW IN LIMA, EFFECTIVE ON 2 DECEMBER, THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS CAN MORE EASILY EMPLOY A CAR BOMB AGAINST U.S. AND PERUVIAN DRUG AGENTS MAKING IT APPEAR TO BE THE WORK OF SL. OPERATIONS CAN ALSO BE PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH SL AND MRTA ANNIVERSARY DATES THAT HAVE TRADITIONALLY MEANT TERRORIST ATTACKS. SL IS EXPECTED TO CONDUCT TERRORIST ATTACKS ON 3 DECEMBER, THE BIRTH DATE OF SL FOUNDER [redacted] AND THE FOUNDING DAY OF SL'S "POPULAR GUERRILLA ARMY". MRTA HAS USED 7 DECEMBER (27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF REVOLUTIONARY LEFT MOVEMENT-MIR GUERRILLA COMMANDER [redacted]

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100A-65253) (P) [redacted] b7E

SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY (RC);
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OO: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau and San Francisco, dated 1/12/88, captioned as above:

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Enclosed for the Bureau and Los Angeles are one copy each of an airtel and LHM, dated 8/4/75, captioned "Los Angeles Prairie Fire Study Group", and a San Francisco asset report, dated 11/1/74, [redacted] in San Francisco, California.

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Referenced Los Angeles teletype requested San Francisco Division to conduct indices re [redacted] San Francisco indices were negative re [redacted]

Referenced Los Angeles teletype also requested San Francisco Division to review serial 230 of the SF file for the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee (PFOC) (SF file 100-77975), and furnish information regarding a PFOC meeting conducted by [redacted] at [redacted] Los Angeles (the address listed by DMV records for [redacted] A copy of serial 230 is enclosed for review by Los Angeles Division; this is an LHM, dated 4/4/75, datelined Los Angeles, California, captioned "Los Angeles Prairie Fire Study Group", which was an enclosure with a Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, Et Al, dated 8/4/75, captioned "Los Angeles Prairie Fire Study Group; IS - WEATHERMAN; OO: Chicago."

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San Francisco Division would comment that there is some disagreement within the San Francisco Division among knowledgeable agents and local police intelligence authorities alike about the possibility of "cross overs" between the RCP and PFOC. There are those that feel that the RCP and PFOC are probably linked, but present a "front" that they are not linked at all as part of their security tactics; whereas, there are others who feel that there is a remote chance that the RCP and PFOC are linked at all, except to make appearances at the same demonstrations at various times, inasmuch as the PFOC members tend to be from elite families and to be extremely racist, while RCP members are from all races and economic backgrounds. Further exploration as to possible links between PFOC and RCP is left to the discretion of L.A.

Source reporting and limited discreet investigation indicates that the RCP and "Sendero Luminoso"/"Shining Path"/ "Committee to Support the Revolution in Peru" are tightly linked. The "Sendero Luminoso" has been in existence in Peru for quite some time, and it could be that the RCP is learning some of the extreme security tactics (as described by [redacted] b7D b7E from associations with "Sendero Luminoso."

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of note, this asset report indicates that [redacted] (A copy of b7D this asset report is enclosed for review by Los Angeles and the Bureau.)

San Francisco suspects that there may be other indications of some "cross over" between the RCP and PFOC organizations contained within the over 40 volumes and 32 sub files of PFOC files, but such references will be difficult to locate unless extremely time consuming file reviews are conducted. (Pocatello is currently entering all the information in the PFOC files into TIS, but due to the voluminous amount of information contained in said files, it is estimated that said project will take another 1½ to 2 years to complete, inasmuch as only five volumes have been entered to date after six months of full-time entry. Once said project is completed, TIS undoubtedly will be the ideal resource for determining links between PFOC members and activities, and any other organizations, such as the RCP.)

On 12/13/87, [redacted] a new source of as yet undetermined reliability, furnished a report regarding [redacted] in Berkeley, California. The source reported that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

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Los Angeles will note, this LHM does not specify a particular meeting date, but simply refers to source information which reported on [redacted] is described on the second page of this LHM, based on a 7/15/75 check for California Driver's license [redacted] there is no explanation in this LHM as to why this license number was of significance in the first place. (Perhaps the significance of this license is contained in the references cited in the accompanying Los Angeles airtel, which are both communications originating from Los Angeles; therefore, San Francisco Division will leave it to the discretion of the Los Angeles Division to review these references and attempt to determine the significance of this driver's license.) b6 b7C b7D

San Francisco indices were checked re [redacted] and Elsur indices revealed two references, furnished [redacted] A review of these references revealed that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

For information of Los Angeles Division, referenced SF file, 157-1204, is captioned "Black Panther Party (BPP); Racial Matters; Smith Act of 1940; Seditious Conspiracy Rebellion and Insurrection." A "random" review of one of the many, many volumes of the BPP file revealed a summary of investigation report, 6/12 - 7/18/69, dated 7/25/69, (copies furnished to LA file 157-1503 and Bu file [redacted]. This summary report contains an FD-302 regarding an agent witnessing a BPP rally at Oakland, California, on 2/17/68, wherein a movie called "HUEY" was shown; of note, RCP [redacted] was featured on this film along with prominent BPP leaders. b3 b6 b7C b7E

Also for information of Los Angeles, during a review of the SF file main file for RCP member, [redacted] SF file [redacted] it was noted that [redacted] of this file was an asset report, dated [redacted] regarding [redacted] in San Francisco; b6 b7C b7D

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CHICAGO DIVISION:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will attempt to identify, if possible, any persons possibly identical to [redacted] It should be noted, that [redacted] b6 b7C

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will attempt to identify [redacted] as set forth above for Chicago. b6 b7C

Will advise Denver if the proposed source scenario is of interest.

Los Angeles should note that the aforementioned [redacted] along with **Officer** [redacted] **AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT - DJTTF** has furnished **Los Angeles Terrorism Task Force** members [redacted] and [redacted] photographs, etc. pertinent to the above. b6 b7C b7D

DENVER DIVISION:

AT DENVER, COLORADO:

Investigation, as set forth herein, continuing.

representative to an international press conference in London to announce the formation of the REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT that was uniting all these maoist revolutionary parties from around the world including the COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU and then in 1989, [redacted] again went back to London for another press conference of the REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT to denounce the massacre in Tenanmen Square of the Chinese youth and boldly to declare that the people of China and world need MAO more then ever. I think it's real honor to have this brother here. I spoke earlier about the revolutionary wisdom a leadership of the RCP and I meant that and I think [redacted] concentrates it and I can only speak of the strong inspiration he has and continues to give as an revolutionary leader of the Revolutionary Vanguard. The national spokesperson of the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY [redacted]

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"Hey, its good to be here in Chicago shy town. The hawk ain't even kicking yet, maybe the hawk knew that there was gonna be some revolutionary politics coming through town and that was gonna heat the situation up, so there wasn't nothing they could do about it. We gotta get down brothers and sisters. We got a lot to talk about and we got a lot to get down on. I mean we're up against a vicious and a dangerous beast. Right now, even as we speak, they got their planes, they got their tanks, they got their ships in the Middle East. They want to control the wealth in that part of the world, they want to be the ones to call the shots and have control of the natural resources over there and they want you, the very people that they brutalize and even murder in the streets here in this country to put on a uniform for them, to ship off for them and to fight for them, to murder other oppressed people. They got a program for you-it's fighting and even dying in their wars. That's what they got for you, now this ain't nothing new. They run this down on the oppressed for before. They sent my generation off to Vietnam. And to do what? To fight to keep this bullshit going? To fight to keep them, to fight and maybe die to keep them in position to mess over us and oppressed and exploited people all around the world? See we gotta deal with a serious question brothers and sisters. What's worth living and dying for? See, and when I say that, I ain't talking no hipe. I hope look at this military build-up. Up in the Middle east. Are you gonna go for that? Or are you gonna go for something else, something that's in the interest of people the oppressed and exploited people all around the world. Because we got another program, we got another mission for you to sign up for to live and die for. And that mission is revolution, something that's in the interest, in our interest, of our people all around the world. Now, I'm not gonna dance around sisters and brothers. These powers have gotta be stopped. They need to be overthrown we need a revolution. And

you've got an important part to play in that revolution. If the young people don't play their parts, there ain't gonna be no revolution, I mean that's all there is to it. You see, our party has got a plan for revolution and we've got the organization and the leadership to carry that plan out. Now the powers that be, they don't want you to hear my message. They want me up here saying and they definitely don't want you acting on it, getting organized, getting conscious, and getting ready. But the crimes and the everyday reality of this system producing potential warriors everyday and the dip shit that this system is in is bringing closer the day when we can really throw down against them. But we gotta get clear on a lot of things sisters and brothers and there's a lot stuff that people just gotta give up, they gotta just chuck aside cause it's holding them back, if there's gonna be a revolution. So let's get down to business. Now when we were building for this tour the "FEAR NOTHING BE DOWN FOR THE WHOLE THING TOUR", we started putting up the poster that you see back there on the door, in cities all across the country. Now in one city a youth walked up to that poster he looked and he pointed and said "that could me up there". Well I got news for you, it was that youth up there and it was you! And it was you! And it was you! You're the force that's surging up out of the cracks and crevices of this society. That's threatening to knock the powers that be off their seats of privilege. You're the sisters and brothers that they love to hate and that they want to shove down under, six feet under, under their pigalanigra (phonetic) clamp downs, under their welfare system, that's what they wanna do to you, they wanna shove you down. See we know you're gonna fight them over this and we know you gonna fight them hard. But the question is, are you gonna fight with your heads down lashing out wildly hitting others among the oppressed and not you know, striking blows against the enemy or are you gonna lift your heads, lock your sights square in on the real enemy the powers and their system and deal them some killer blows as part of getting in position to do them in once and for all through revolution. I mean look at the bright future that's within our gasp if we dare to seize it. We can end the flood of drugs in the ghettos and barrios that's killing our youth and strangling our communities. We can wipe out this brutality and violence that women face in this society on a day-to-day basis. We can do all this and more sisters and brothers but, to do it, we gotta make revolution, we gotta get rid of these blood suckers that rule over us and dominate people all over the world. Now we do face a shit load of problems brothers and sisters. But they all boil down to one fundamental problem. And that is, that the powers that be and their armed killers in society have got a monopoly on armed force. They got the guns in their hands and they use those guns to mess over an oppressed and exploited people here and all around the world. That's the fundamental problem that we face brothers and sisters. In the solution to this problem it's pretty clear. I mean it ain't no mystery. We

gotta snatch the power to decide and determine our lives from these blood suckers, take the guns out of their hands and put in the hands of the people and go on to build a new world. I mean I'm talking about rising up in revolution. Not stopping there and going on to totally remake society. Building a new world one where the people have got the power. Where whites don't lord it over people of color. Where men don't suppress and dominate women. Where one nation doesn't rule much of the globe. I talking about the classless Communist society brothers and sisters. That's the solution to the problem that we face today. See when I talk about these powers I ain't talking about a few bad individuals, but a class of people in a system of exploitation and oppression that sits on the backs of millions of oppressed people here and countless millions world wide. See and what it comes down to is that either these people are gonna keep running society and we are gonna keep dealing with this, this bullshit you know, day in and day out for the rest of our lives or our people-the proletarians world wide are gonna get ourselves together, we're gonna seize power, make revolution against these capitalists and run things different in our interest. See and because of our position on the bottom of society, owning nothing and forced to sweat and bleed to enrich a handful of capitalists, it's in the proletarians interest once in power, to completely get rid of this dog-eat-dog setup, ending the degrading shit that people have to go through to survive. Wiping out the oppressive relation between people that this system uses to justify itself. Breaking with the force of habit that getting used to this mess is ingrained in people. This is what we gotta do and we can do it in any way short of revolution. See and when I tell you that I'm not running to you something I read in books sisters and brothers, I'm telling you what I know from living in this hell hole of a system. Growing up in the ghetto in Baltimore I remember a time when uh... the cops kicked down thousands of doors in the black community, shotguns at the ready. They was looking for some black guy that they claim committed a crime, who had already escaped to Florida. And what it really came down to is spreading terror through the whole town. I saw black people get subjected to the most degrading conditions in society. And I saw the brutal suppression that came down whenever anybody resisted against any of this shit. Then I got drafted into the ARMY and faced with orders to Vietnam. See in dealing with this I had to decide, was I gonna fight for them in that kind of war. I talked to a whole lot of GI's bout what was going on over there. They told me that when you got over there everybody was the enemy. That you were killing women, you were killing old people, and even children, that you were burning down whole villages. I mean it sounded like genocide to me, that's what they wanted me to do. Then when I was on leave on the way to Vietnam, something happened that like broke it, I could not deal with it from that. See you all being from Chicago, a lot folks here ought to know this and even know it better then me cause,

I'm talking about the murder of [redacted] I mean I'm on leave getting ready to put this green uniform back on and go fight for this system and I find out that they murdered [redacted] in his sleep. And then on top of that, they had one of their agents sneak in there and drug him before they murdered him. And see what it came down to was that the war wasn't just going on in Vietnam it was going on in the streets of this country. And I had to decide what side of it I was going to be on. Everything that I had seen and everything that I experienced was telling me that what was wrong in society was because of who held power and how they exercised that power and that these people would never give up that power willingly. I mean look at it, they sent half a million men to Vietnam and tried to bomb that country into the stone age. So if I was really down for changing things then I had to be down for revolution. And in case I was half-stepping when I came to this conclusion, they underscored the message, drove it home again, when National Guardsmen and cops murdered protesting students at KENT STATE UNIVERSITY and JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY, just before I got sent to LEAVENWORTH for refusing to go to Vietnam. See now this is where I'm coming from when I said that you can't reform this system into something that works in the interest of the majority of people. See and anybody that tells you that you can reform it into it is either a fool or they're playing you for one. I mean it's gonna take all the way revolution to end all this madness once and for all. I mean now look if you were trying to deal with DRACULA, you wouldn't want to setup negotiations with him wouldn't you? I mean you wouldn't want to have a discussion with him about this stuff would you. And you especially wouldn't want to let him get anywhere near your neck, ah huh.. you wouldn't do that. What you want to do,is you'd want to get a stake and drive it into his heart and then (UNT) it around to make sure that the sucker was dead, that's what you'd wanna do. See, but we gotta do the same thing to this system and their rotten setup and these power that be only instead of a stake we need revolution. When need millions of people rising up guns in hand to put this system to bed and put it to bed once and for all and then go on to build something new and totally different in it's place. See now when we say that people say to you, well you all into violence, man ya'll love violence. But we say kill that noise. See cause look all kinds of violence ain't the same. There's counter-revolutionary violence and there's revolutionary violence and those are two totally different things. I mean everybody in this room should hate and condemn rapists who perpetuate violence against women in this so called best of all worlds. You should be dead square against that. But at the same time, everybody ought to be down with a sister who violently stops a rapist from perpetuating that fowl act in society. (clapping) See and what I'm talking about here is we gotta make a distinction between revolutionary viol... the counter-revolutionary violence of the oppressors and the revolutionary violence of the oppressed people

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trying to get out from under oppression. See and there's another kind of violence we gotta talk about and that's the bullshit violence that the powers that be allow you to engage in. You know what I'm talking about-the oppressed people throwing down on each other. The system lets you know in a thousand and one ways that that, ain't a serious problem for them. They let you engage in that then they use it as a justification for vamping down on all of us that much harder. See the problem in the world isn't that there's too much violence, but there's too much counter revolutionary violence and too much bullshit violence that's the problem and not enough revolutionary violence, that's what the problem is. Revolutionary violence is liberating, it's emancipating. MAO TSE-TUNG taught that without power in the hands of the people, all we be dealing on is dreams and illusions. And that political power grows out of the barrel of a gun. Now that's important so I'm gonna run it back to make sure everybody got it. (In Spanish: Poder political nasay da la conya de un facia). And we're gonna pick up the gun in order to put down the gun forever. See cause we can do better than this system. These problems aren't mysterious and they ain't that hard to solve either and understand. What stands in the way of doing anything about it is the powers and their profit system and the fact that the very way that system operates creates and recreates all the problems that we face and that we're trying to deal with. Once we get rid of them through revolution then we'll be able to deal with all these problems. I mean look at poverty and homelessness. Once the revolution is won, we'll be able to deal with these problems, I mean, tell me, what's so fucking hard about putting some unemployed people to work building the housing that so many people need. I mean there ain't mystery about that. We know how to deal with this problem we got a program for that. All we gotta do is get rid of these powers and their profit system through revolution and then we can deal on it. Let's take the oppression of black people. We'll be able to wipe that out too after we make the revolution. We'll be able to deal with that because, again, there will no longer be a system run by a handful of people who benefit and get rich and fat off of that oppression. See we'll be able to do all this and more once we, the revolution wins. Some of this stuff we'll be able to do virtually overnight. And we'll be able to do things that seem unimaginable looked at from the perspective of this setup. The hardest part is gonna be getting rid of these powers. That's gonna take a revolution like I been telling you, and we can do that to, because among other things we got a military strategy for beating these powers once and for all. Now that's another important point, let me go back over that too. (In Spanish: la parte mas dificultusa sera acabar conestos dominadores y esso mi qierre revolution y lo podemus lugar porque adamas tenthemos una stratejiya militar para de rotar a estos dominadores de una vez por todos). Make sure everybody got that. Now look whenever we talk about revolution some people come back at us-well if you

down for revolution then why don't you just go on and jump it off now. I mean if that's what you for why not just get it on right now. Well, our answer to that is we don't jump to revolution off right now, we don't jump off the armed struggle right now because we're serious about winning and we got a clear definition of what winning is. It ain't just a question of making some trouble for the powers that be and getting them to cut a few more of the oppressed in on the deal. In on their rotten setup. But getting rid of this whole system once and for all and our party has developed a military strategy for doing this just that. Now in forging this military strategy, again we learn from MAO TSE-TUNG that the key is fighting our way, waging the kind of revolutionary war that relies on our strengths and is suited to our conditions. Now our main strength is the masses of people and the fact that revolution is in their interest. That's the main thing that we got going for us and what that means is that our way comes down to fighting the people's war. A war that's based on the people, and involve the people from Jump Street. I mean look, if you were gonna fight MIKE TYSON, you wouldn't want to mess around hitting this man eight rounds worth of soft blows. You'd wanna deliver a knockout punch, and a knock-out punch as soon as possible. In fact, you might even want a sledge hammer, I mean that's how you wanna deal with this man. Well the masses of people are the revolution's knockout punch it's sledge hammer. I mean (clapping) lets get down to it short and sweet. Waging and winning a revolutionary war in a country like this the strategy comes down to mass armed insurrections. Taking the cities of this country using the territory seized in these insurrections as a base from which to carry out a revolutionary civil war to completely crush the capitalist class and their military forces throughout the country. See now when I said this I ain't talking about a rebellion or even a bunch of rebellions grouped together. I'm talking about conscious attempt to seize power from the capitalist class led by the proletarians and its revolutionary vanguard. But when I say that, we gotta remember one thing and that is that the way things could develop it might mean that the vanguard would have the responsibility to transform something that started out like rebellion into an all out revolutionary assault. See now when I say this you might wonder, well is this kind of revolutionary war that this brother's talking about possible. Well the powers that be certainly fear that it's possible. That's one reason why they're lashing out the way they are now and why they're developing contingency plans to suppress sections of the people that they especially fear, like black people or immigrants. See I know that there's some people here from third world countries and that armed struggles are going on in many of those countries. We Maoists say that all around the world what you gotta do is you gotta fight a people's war. But Maoists gotta fight those people's wars differently in two different types of countries. In the oppressed nations of the third world you gotta do it one way, and in the imperialist

countries you gotta do it another. In more oppressed countries like Peru where large sections of the people are engaged in agriculture and working under backward conditions you can jump off the armed struggle for power with small forces and gradually build up military strength over time in the countryside. But when you're talking about an advanced imperialist country like the United States you couldn't do that. You would have to start things off with a big bang when you launch your all out revolutionary assault. And we've worked out the military strategy for a people's war in a country like this. Now our leader, the Chairman of our party [redacted] has analyzed the prospects for revolutionary war in a country like this in a piece that he calls "Could we really win?" It's a back issue of the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER newspaper and I encourage everybody to check that out. It is a extremely heavy piece. Now in it he gets what would be needed for a revolutionary insurrection to be launched in a country like this that has an actual chance of winning. And in dealing with this he sights three things. First there must be a serious crisis in society and government. Now this could come from anywhere even be mix of different events like a military defeat or an economic jolt that would call forth turmoil and upheaval throughout society. Two, there's gotta be mass upheaval and rebellion including among the basic people, the proletarians and other oppressed people in society. This kind of stuff, this combative resistance mood makes armed uprising more of real possibility and gives the oppressed more room to step out and fight back in aids and rallying potential allies from among the middle class. See now in speaking about these first two conditions, you gotta remember sisters and brothers that they've got a hundred thousand men in the Middle East trying to deal on this question of who's gonna control the oil there. We gotta remember that they're faced with the prospect of a cut off in oil or a war to deal with that situation and GI's coming back in body bags or both. And see you gotta think about what kind of crisis that would mean to society if they had their flow of oil cut off. If they had to deal with suffering military defeats in that part of the world. What kind of you know, crisis that would create for the powers that be. What kind of upheaval that would create among the people. The potential for rebellion, we gotta think about those things as we consider these two conditions, and then there's the third condition that Chairman [redacted] sights and that is that there must be a vanguard capable of turning the mass upheaval in rebellion into an organized insurrection and giving it overall leadership and direction. And there must be a backbone force of proletarians and other oppressed masses who have been systemically trained in the line of the vanguard and then work carried out according to this line. Now further, our leader [redacted] has made some crucial observation about our kind of warfare, some things that people were considering how we're gonna deal with these powers once and for all. Gotta get next to and deal with. One is that while the revolutionary army

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would have to confront and completely crush the enemy's military might, you wouldn't have to do that all at once. You wouldn't have to confront it all at once but more likely, first you have to deal with their police force and then after that the national guard and/or the regular army. Two, that you're talking about revolutionary war you have to be talking about seizing and maintaining the initiative. Our revolutionary insurrection that sits back on the defensive and waits for the powers to made the next move is courting its own death. And third, that it's always gonna be possible to say that revolutionary war can't win, because it's gonna look that way on the surface until the revolutionary uprising is under way and gaining momentum. See now whenever I get into this question of revolutionary war and the strategy for it throws up a lot of questions for people. One question that comes up, is ok you talking about all this stuff, but where's the army that could wage and win this kind of warfare? See it's out there brothers and sisters. It's in the ghettos and barrios across the country. It's in the homeless shelters. It's in the battered women's shelters. Some of it's even in jail right now. I mean the revolutionary army and the proletariat is gonna be drawn from among the oppressed people and their allies in society. And now it wouldn't work to try to recruit this revolutionary army of the proletariat needed for this kind of struggle way in advance for the showdown in a country like this. One reason it wouldn't work is because the political conditions in society would make it impossible to rally the kind of numbers that you need, so you just couldn't do it from that angle. But then from another angle if you forge the revolutionary army prematurely it either leads you to a military showdown before you're ready for it, before you can bring your main strength, the oppressed people who need and want revolution to bear, or you'd end up with your revolutionary army and the proletariat degenerating into some kind of reformist community control. See but your revolutionary preparations do have to be in high gear well before the show down, people ask us all the time "are we serious about this and if we are serious what is it we're doing now that's revolutionary?" And the answer is that everything we're doing now is geared towards getting us at a point where we can bring that revolutionary army of the proletariat into being and wage and win a revolutionary armed struggle that's got a real shot at winning. I mean look at it, we're rallying different sections of people and especially the oppressed to take on the powers in amass militant struggle and by doing that and doing it all out, no holds barred, we're inspiring others to join that fight in creating visions broadly throughout society of a future possibility to do these blood suckers in through revolution. We're forging the kind of unity that we would need to do that and in the process we're weakening the enemy. At the same time we're expanding the revolutionary hardcore that would be needed to forge that future revolutionary army, the proletariat, involving millions and to lead a future

revolutionary war to victory. And we're given that hardcore crucial training and uniting with people and leading them, training and targeting the enemy. Dealing with the enemy's counter attacks and then being able to come right back at them and not let them seize the initiative from us. Training and working together in disciplined way to achieve a common objective. Training in combat and eluding the man's police and other hired thugs. See and all this training would be sorely tested when it came time to launch the revolutionary insurrection. See and that time can come soon, I mean look at the depth of their troubles. Looking at the people's growing resistance to their attacks. See and don't tell me that you're gonna be there when it's time to really fight, cause if you ain't down with the vanguard now fighting them back politically and rallying others to that fight then when it came time to fight with guns we wouldn't be in position to do anything serious, to do them any real damage. So if you really hate this shit and hate it so much that you're ready to deal with that real damage I'm talking about then you gotta get down with the party now and step up our revolutionary preparations. I mean look, (clapping) look, we know what we'd up against, I mean it's a cold revolutionary fact that these imperialists are armed to the teeth, and they're vicious enough to use all that stuff they're armed with. They will stop at nothing to defend their reactionary setup. Taking them on and defeating them requires a certain attitude. You gotta be ready to pay the cost, you gotta be ready to risk a lot in order to gain a lot. It's gonna take a lot of sacrifice but, this is necessary sacrifice that we're talking about people around the world are doing it. The COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU is setting us an example and we gotta learn from it. Look in Peru there's a for real revolutionary war going down. A people's war being lead by the COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU. Now here in the country they usually call them the SHINING PATH and they always call them the terrorist and shit like that but that ain't the deal. They're some down revolutionaries down there in Peru. They jumped off the armed struggle back in 1980 and they spread that armed struggle throughout the country in the face of everything that the reactionary government in Peru could throw at them with backing from both the United States and the Soviet Union. Now look I know where the COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU is coming from. I participated with their people in conferences and forums put on by the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement a movement that groups Maoist parties and organizations from many different parts of the world. See and before they jumped off the people's war down there in Peru, The COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU took a hard look at the situation and the viciousness of the enemy and they faced the fact that people's war in that a situation would cost them and the masses hundreds of thousands of lives. They knew what they were entering into but they didn't hold back because they knew the reactionaries who run Peru with backing from the imperialist worldwide were already murdering people by

the thousands and that the only way to stop that was through revolution and they were determined to do just that. They knew the price that had to be paid, and that you gotta pay to win and they were determined to pay. See now the powers that be in this country they ain't use to that kind of stuff. They ain't used to dealing with that. You know, they now how to deal with invading Panama and Granada, dropping some bombs on Libya, you know, operations they can do in a few days or maybe a week and then you know it's over and done with. That kind of stuff they're used to, but they can't handle a real people's war and they can't handle determined revolutionaries like the COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU. I mean they freak out when they're faced with that kind of stuff and that's why they're planning to slip troops into Peru under the cover of the war on drugs to try to deal with revolution going on down there is gonna face them with more than they bargain for. I mean look they got an ass whipping coming in Peru. I'm glad they got this ass whipping coming down there in Peru and I'm ready to do whatever's necessary to help bring that ass whipping about and that's the stand that we gotta take here in the belly of the beast (clapping). See, well look we got the same attitude as our comrades down in Peru. "Fear nothing be down for the whole thing", that's our party stand and that's the stand of the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST YOUTH BRIGADE. Take up this stand sisters and brothers so that together we can give this enemy more than it can handle right here in it's belly. Now the military strategy that I've been talking about here it's based on our political line. It's based on who we represent-the prospertyless proletarians and what our goal is-classless Communist society. Now there are other approaches to taking on the powers militarily and politically that are based on other political lines and other goals and generally non revolutionary goals. Now I'm gonna say something here that people might not wanna hear but I gotta say it, cause it's the truth. I mean we gotta talk about South Africa. Now you got approaches like NELSON MANDELA and the AFRICAN NATION CONGRESS in South Africa. I'm gonna say some negative stuff about the man not because he doesn't have any principles, but because he's got the wrong principles. I mean when MANDELA was here, the power's monthpieces in the meeting would run up to him and shove a microphone and say "when you gonna renounce the armed struggle in South Africa?" Well that ain't our question about South Africa, that ain't our question at all. Our question about South Africa is when was somebody gonna develop and carry out a real revolutionary armed struggle, one that's based on unleashing the people that have already clearly shown that they're ready to fight and die for liberation. When is somebody gonna put guns in the hands of these people in South Africa. That was our question. And when is somebody gonna do that from the perspective of smashing the apartheid regime and wiping out everything left over from white domination and imperialist control once and for all? See cause for MANDELA (clapping) see

for MANDELA and the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, when they talked about arms struggle that meant slipping a few gorillas into the country to blow up something here or attack a police station there, to let cause enough trouble to force the racist government to sit down and have negotiations with them, to talk it over with them. See and this was tied to their overall demand of one man and one vote as if having black elections and even black governments to stop the United States from messing over all the other countries in Africa, I mean it ain't done nothing for it. In other words, armed struggle for them was a bargaining chip in order to get cut in on the deal. See and it don't matter that they recently decided to suspend this kind of armed struggle in order for their talks with the apartheid rulers to go forward, because this wasn't about liberating nobody no way. I mean this isn't a revolutionary line in South Africa and it ain't a revolutionary line here. It won't lead to liberation there and it won't lead to liberation here either sisters and brothers. I mean look we can't stop at fucking things up for the powers in order to get them to agree to some demands. We can't stop at that because concessions ain't enough, I mean this shit is too foul for that and even when we do get them to give in to some of our demands as long as they're still in power they just reach back and snatch it back later. See we gotta be talking about all the way revolution to bet rid of them once and for all. Now I know that whenever you deal on this question that people tell us that there are other ways to solve our problems and that some of these ways might seem better, because they involve less sacrifice and hardship and going for revolution all the way. But the thing about it is, that none of them can really solve the problems once and for all. And many of the people who try to sell us these other paths are like them snake oil men they used to have back in the old western movies. They'd sell you this bottle of clear liquid and say well whatever's wrong with you take this it's good for you. Well that's why these snake oil men for the powers that be are doing with there dead end roads, trying to get us to swallow it to deal with what ails us, but it's worse that clear liquid, it's poison sisters and brothers. See and we gotta be clear on all this or else we'll never get a chance to get out from under this shit through revolution. This is something that we learn from [redacted] (phonetic) the leader of the Russian Revolution one of the baddest leaders that the proletariats ever had anywhere in the world. See and what he said was basically that people are always gonna get played by suckers, played for suckers by this system until they learn to figure out the class interest behind the developments in society. I mean look at how they try to sucker us on their election. First they tell us that voting is the great equalizer it's the way that oppressed people can get to influence things. Then they tell you that the Democratic Party is the one that you should get behind because it's the one that's most sensitive to the interest of the oppressed. And then when you stop buying that they bring out

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some black faces and say that's the way that you should go, that's the way you should go if you wanna change things. I mean let me put it to you straight. How many more democrats are you going to elect for system? How many more black faces you gonna put in high places, hoping that they gonna work for you when all they actually work for is this front men for the powers that be and their setup? How many more chances you gonna give this system to prove what has been proven to you for four hundred years that it's built on oppression, that it thrives on oppression and that it counts on the victims of that oppression to swallow all it's lies and promises. See can't we see that nobody benefits from this electoral road except for the powers that be and maybe the handful of the oppressed who get positions in the system? I mean why should we still go for these puny politic and sorry vision? Why let them reduce us to that especially now when we got a chance to get clear on what needs to be done and to start acting on it? Especially now when this system, on account of it's own troubles and crisis, may give us the only chance that we really need-the a chance to rise up and do it in through revolution once and for all. Now I'm gonna run something else that some people might not wanna hear, but we gotta get into this, because we gotta deal with all this stuff. Back in the 1960's MALCOLM X raised a slogan "By Any Means Necessary". See now it was revolutionary back then, because everybody had their vision limited by the politics of getting a piece of the rock, getting into the system and that was the way everybody thought things were going to be solved. Well see you got people still running around running that slogan on you today "By Any Means Necessary". Now MALCOLM and many of them run that from the angle of trying to cover their own get into the system political thrust. See now MALCOLM was the most revolutionary voice in the country back in his time, twenty-five years ago, but that was twenty-five years ago sisters and brothers, I mean haven't we been able to come to some conclusions in those twenty-five years about what means are necessary to deal with this system once and for all? And what means won't work? I mean we gotta move on this stuff quickly we ain't got twenty-five years to speculate on it, because these youth are up against some intense situations and they ain't gonna wait it. Also you got people who say economics is the key to freedom. They tell us that building up black businesses buying black and boycotting businesses that don't treat black people right is the way we gonna change stuff. See now we gotta get clear on the real deal sisters and brothers I mean this is America in the 1990's and the economic setup we dealing with ain't some mom and pops stores on the corner, but a global imperialist to monopolize whole industries and who have got a stranglehold on everything in the U.S. and most of the world. See now you can't nickel and dime your way to freedom if that's what your dealing with. You can't nickel and dime your way to break out of that kind of straggle hold. Now what is possible is that some black capitalists and

some want to be capitalists get themselves in better position to compete for their share of the market and to get cut in as junior partners in the foul setup that is America by relying on and trying to appeal to racial loyalty to get themselves built up. What the black masses get out of this though is that maybe they change the color of who exploits them. See now I know it might sound good to talk about black people owning there own, especially after centuries of being led by brutal white exploiterors, but see what does it really come down to? Which black people are gonna own all these black businesses that's supposed to be setup and supported? And how is sponsoring a few more black capitalists gonna liberate anybody? I mean look, you tell me, how is somebody selling you some shampoo and deodorant if they wanna call it "Clean and Fresh" gonna get us closer to moving out from under all this mess. And to those people who wanna focus the attention on pushing Korean and Arab store owners out of the black community, I gotta say to you straight up that this is creating divisions among the people and it's chicken shit, I mean it ain't taking on the real enemy. Going for anything short of revolution...(clapping) Thank you. Going for anything short of revolution is just playing around and promoting reformist pipe dreams and illusions. Because only revolution can deal with all this mess. I mean you also got some people who tell, tell you whether you're a immigrant, Chicano, or a Black youth that without an education you might as well be dead under this system. Well our party is here to tell you that under this system, whether you got an education or not, if you're proletariate, it's a living death for you and it might even be an early death for you. What we gotta do is we gotta bring on the death of this system so that we can all get free. Look I know in talking to you about this there are many of you out there listening to me and many others who ain't here to listen to me today who ain't afraid of nothing that this system can do to you. Jail-if they ain't already put you in jail you know that this is what they got in store for oppressed youth as a whole anyway. If they don't lock you up in one of the jails then they lock you up in one of their prisons that they call housing projects or into their welfare system. Deportation-they got concentration camps set up across the country already. They already got them filled with thousands of people headed for deportation and besides for immigrants they got you living in a, in a living hell here anyway. Death, well if these powers got their way many oppressed youth won't live all that long anyhow. See now let me run something on that our leader [redacted] has had to say about black youth and their attitude this is our leader talking here. Much black youth today have very little belief in the traditional work ethic. They have very little faith in the American dream. They have very little respect for traditional authority. Is there something wrong with that. No it is fine. It's a good thing. What there is historically among black people is a culture of resistance. And among the black youth today there is

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more and more an attitude. An attitude of defiance of contempt and hatred for the powers that be. That is a very good thing indeed. It is something that everybody who feels fucked over in this society should learn from it and draw inspiration from. See now we know that many of you have got just this attitude and this edge that Chairman [redacted] is talking about. But we gotta deal with a serious question brothers and sisters, how do you display that attitude. By going down over a fly coat or a pair of snickers. Going to war over a corner in the ghetto or the barrio to hustle drugs off of. Taking somebody out because they give the sign of a rival gang or wearing the wrong gang colors? I mean let's be blunt this shit is soft, it's weak, it ain't about nothing. What you gotta start thinking about is what needs to be done to this system. You gotta start thinking about stepping over the line, the line from that bullshit violence that I was talking about earlier where the oppressed throw down on each other, thinking about doing some damage to the powers that be in their system. I mean you want talk about what's bad? Let's talk about going up against these powers that be-the class of people responsible for all the shit people here and throughout the world have gotta deal with. Let's talk about getting rid of them through revolution and going on to bring a whole new world into being. Now that's really bad brothers and sisters. See and this is what we gotta be talking about putting it on the line for. Cause this is something that's worth living and dying for-revolution. See now again when I say this stuff people say to me well you're too extreme and they wanna know how come I can't talk about something more constructive. See what we are talking about constructing a new society sisters and brothers, but you all know you can't build the new until you destroy the old and that's why we're revolutionaries and that's why we're talking about what we're talking about, cause see we're not going to tell these youth to chill out. We ain't gonna preach specifity to em or run the kind a turn the other cheek bullshit. I mean we ain't living in no kind of MARTIN LUTHER KING or JESSE JACKSON dream world. We're on the ground and in imperialist America in the 1990's the powers that be here have got a killing program aimed at the oppressed, especially the youth. I mean you tell me that people are going be killed in jail then the revolution, look around you people are already being killed in jail. I mean look GEORGE BUSH just snapped his finger hundred thousand young men and women were sent out to the Persian Gulf to fight, maybe die, to keep the oil flowing for them. See we're not gonna tell these youth to chill out or they can make it in this setup-we're gonna tell them the truth about it. That it's built on oppressed that's gotta be dealt with through revolution and that we can beat back their program and get rid of these powers and their setup once and for all. And to do that we gotta be gettin busy right now. Let me say something straight up to some of the older people who ring their hands about the youth and what they're into. You know in the 60's and I was from back then I remember what the deal was

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then, it was a lot of drugs and crime. There was people that was calling us a lost generation back then. Well, what happen to us? What is it that saved our generation. There was a movement against the war in Vietnam. There was a black liberation movement, there was MALCOLM X, there was [redacted] There was the BLACK PANTHER PARTY. What happened was revolution became the order of the day and people saw things a different way. The question that you gotta deal with today for these older people is it what is that you're into? Don't talk to me about the youth. What is it that you're doing? See cause you can't excuse you inactivity or the fact that you're promoting some deadend bullshit reformance pie in the sky illusion because you're afraid of where the youth is coming from. What you gotta be doing is you gotta get down yourself and fight the power for real before you can say anything about the youth. And if you did get down and fight the power yourself, you'd find the youth would be right out there with you and you wouldn't have to be talking about them anyway, you'd be talking about we how can unite with them and take this stuff even farther. (clapping) Ok now we gotta be talking about some of the things that we need but also some of the things that we got going for us as we move to deal with what needs to done. I mean let's talk about leaders and leadership. A lot of people grapling with this question today. Now, think on this, have you ever wished that there was a leader who really had the people and their interest in his heart. Someone who wouldn't sell out or desert the people and was fearless in the face of any and everything that the enemy could throw at us? Well we've got a leader who's that and more. [redacted] the leader of the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY, and the revolutionary movement in this country. We're talking about a man who was there in the 1960's promoting the goal of revolution and building support for the BLACK PANTHER PARTY. A man who was there in the 1970's summing up how things had shifted and where people had to go to keep on the road to revolution. Were talking about a man who was there when [redacted] and the other reactionary dogs overthrew proletarian rule in China after the death of MAO, [redacted] was there calling them out for the capitalist (unt) dog that he was summing up the lesson of the events in China and pointing forward and leading revolutionaries along the path charted by MAO TSE TUNG. And and [redacted] is there as head into the 1990's clearly pointing out how we have to fight now to get position to be able to rise up and make revolution when the time is right and clearly pointing out the kind of society that we're fighting for and we're fighting to build. He's a man who stood firm and never wavered in the face of everything that they hang over our heads. See and I know what I'm talking about here, I know this man, I've rapped with him, I've worked with him, I've learned from his example of what proletarian leadership is all about. That to lead the masses you've got to learn from the masses, you gotta unleash there conscience activism and their revolutionary enthusiasm in struggle. See and one thing I know about Chairman

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[redacted] is that like MAO said about [redacted] the most essential thing about him is that he gives his heart to the people, to the oppressed. That's the kind of leadership that we need and that's the kind of leadership that we got. We gotta cherish that fact and we gotta defend this man. See because the powers that be are also aware of his leadership and his role. That's why they've come after him with everything they've got-death threats, nationwide SECRET SERVICE investigation, tried to frame him up on charges carrying over two hundred years and more. They were able to force him into exile, but they couldn't stop him from leading the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY and leading the Revolutionary Movement our leader is [redacted] (clapping) See but more, more than an individual, you gotta have a party that's built on these principles. Because an individual by himself, no matter how bad he is can't do it. It's up to you relate to the vanguard. See cause no matter how bad things get, people can't rise up and make revolution if they're unorganized. If that's the case, people aren't organized the most that could happen is some upheaval, some rebellion and some chaos but that would lead to a new group of exploiterors replacing these powers if we were ever able to shake these powers once and for all. We need a party that can rally the masses to fight the powers today and develop that as part of getting ready to make revolution when the time is right. A party that's got a plan for leading the revolution in this country, a party with a line, the leadership, the program, strategy and tactical sense to lead the people in doing what's necessary both today and in the future. And we got a party like that-the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY. See now sisters and brothers I'm talking from experience here. It makes a big difference to have this kind of vanguard to lead the people. Because when my generation stepped in the struggle we didn't have this kind of leadership. There wasn't no plan out there for how we gonna make this revolution. There was no analyses of which class forces in society were key to leading this revolutionary thrust and what kind of alliances needed to be made to win. There was little or no understanding of how the revolution in this country fit into the world revolutionary process. I mean none of this was out there back in my day. We had to go out there and, you know, make it up as we went along. But today as you young fighters step in the struggle and search through the front ranks to fight the powers, you've got all of this and more out there. Cause you've got a vanguard party that you can get down with. Our vanguard is the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY. Now I said we need leadership, but we need something else, we need ideology because if we're ever gonna get out from under this system once and for all and break with all the degredation and misery that forces people to endure to get by and all the reactionary ideas that they pump us full of day in and day out then we gotta have an ideology. A way of looking at and analyzing the world that breaks completely with this dog-eats-dog look out for number one and fuck everybody else bullshit

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that these powers that be promote. The ideology we need is Marxism, Leninist, Maoism, the science of revolution-an ideology that let's you see where things are headed, but even more important than that guides you in acting to change things in the way they need to be changed. Now this ideology teaches us that it's the people and the people alone that make history. And it arms us, the basic people, the proletariat, to do just that. Cause the most liberating ideology on the face of the earth, I mean check it out. Now whenever I start talking about this stuff about revolution, revolutionary ideology and Communism, the man and his mouthpieces throw this shit at me about Russia and Eastern Europe and all this kind of stuff. See cause the powers that be and their paid mouthpieces in the media they're real puffed up right now crowing about the troubles that the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe are having. The crisis of Communism they call it. And they say that this shows you that Marxism don't work so that you must as well give up your dreams of revolution cause there's no way you can forge a better society than this bullshit here that they force us to deal with everyday. But we say fuck you. (clapping) Twenty-five years ago, MAO TSE TUNG called out the Soviet Union and the countries in its block is being run by phony Communists, socialist imperialist he called it, called it, socialism in words but imperialism in deeds. They said they had state capitalism over there. See and real Maoists have held firm to that analysis ever since including calling out [redacted] and company and the reactionary dogs that seize power in China after the death of MAO TSE TUNG who restored capitalism there. See so now these powers and their mouthpieces think that we're supposed to be upset because the nature of these regimes is so far out in the open that even the fools that ran this society can see it. Uh huh that ain't gonna bother us one bit. We were glad to see the Soviet Union get into deep trouble, because the Soviet Union is one... was one of the two big exploiterors of people around the world and that meant that one of those suckers was gettin into deep shit. Just like we're glad that these powers that be here are in deep shit and being shaken by revolutionary struggle around the world and the crisis of their own setup, even though they try to hide it. We were glad to see it gettin exposed that the rulers of those countries in Eastern Europe were like tin horn dictators sucking the working people's blood. Just like the rulers of countries that the United States dominates do it. See but none of this means that Communism is in crisis. What's in crisis is restored capitalism. That's what they really got in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and China today and we're gonna take advantage of that crisis of restored capitalism to push home the revolution and real communism is the real way out of this stuff. That the all the way revolutionary thrust that MAO TSE TUNG stood for, worked for and represented all his life is more then ever what people need today. This is the ideological sword that people have gotta wield to get free in Peru, in South Africa, and right here in the

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belly of beast. This is our guide to overthrowing these blood sucking bastards and going all the way to classless society where it won't be any longer a question of one section of society sitting on top of him sucking the blood of another section. Our ideology is Marxism, Lenisist, Maoism. Now look, we got few other things going for us as we get ready to do these powers in. Now MAO TSE TUNG talked about his three magic weapons in terms of leading the Chinese Revolution. But we call what we got our three aces in the hole. Now our first ace in the hole is represented by this tour's main theme "FEAR NOTHING BE DOWN FOR THE WHOLE THING". This means just what it says sisters and brothers, fear neither death nor hardship in pursuit of our goal and keeping our sight locked in on that goal all the way revolution and not stopping part way shucking, jiving, and half-stepping. See and for our party when we talk about "fear nothing be down for the whole thing" we ain't running nothing that's academic. In the battle for getting ready for MAY DAY 1980 in Los Angeles [redacted] a leader in the ranks of the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY, was murdered while being targeted by an undercover pig. When [redacted] fell, others stepped forward to pick up that banner of revolution. Now this kind of stand, us going right in the face of the powers giving no in rallying the forces for revolution. There are millions of people out there who hate this setup and yearn for a chance to strike back at it and do some real damage. You can see this even i a little thing like the power failures that you had here in the Chicago area not too long ago when the light go out you know how people seize the chance to uh. redistribute some property relations as people call it. See now our movement's stepping out on point, dogging the powers every move, and dealing some powerful blows will be a big part of changing the overall situation. It's gonna inspire others to join in the fight, while also deepening the shit that the enemy is caught in. Just like back in my day when the BLACK PANTHER PARTY stepped out and confronted the pigs in the power structure and became a mighty force in changing the scene then. Now that's ace in a the hole number one. Now our second ace in the hole is our focus on breaking all the chains of oppression including those that bind women into subordinate positions in society. I mean this is critical, because any revolution that ain't gonna liberate the sisters is gonna leave half of our front line fighters sitting on the sidelines and it wouldn't be worth it anyway, cause the new society that would get built would be fundamentally no different from the old because it still would be based on one section of society suppressing another. Now let me say something to the sister, brothers can listen in, you know ya'll still got some ears, but this is to the sisters. I mean look we know that the male chauvinist (unt) bullshit in this society is so thick that you can cut it with a knife. In fact if you did cut more of it with a knife some of that shit would be jumping back some more (laughing and clapping). You know, but we know, we know how bad that situation is but you can't let that

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push you on the defensive. We can't leave fighting this oppression of women til later in name of unity. We can't let male supremist bullshit slide if it raps itself up in the concerns for the very real and vicious things that this society does to black or Latin men. We can't give in to those who try to excuse suppression of women by citing tradition. We gotta unleash the fury of women as a mighty force for revolution. (clapping) Let the powers that be in any men who want to buy into their poison on this question of oppressing the sisters beware. In Azanga they got a saying they say when you strike a woman you have struck a rock. Well that's a little too passive for me, I think we need our own saying, something like when you fuck with the sisters you've unleashed a hurricane on your ass and we need to work to bring that saying to life. (clapping) Ok now let me say something to the brothers, you sisters can listen in but this is to the brothers. Look I know the shit that these powers that be deal you, force you to deal with day in and day out and your hard edge and your defiant attitude on that stuff is right on time. But why do so many of you wanna turn that hard edge of the sisters? I mean look this machismo dogging the sisters bullshit is the powers that be stand on this question. If we wanna break with their setup and break with it totally, we can't buy into their poison on any question and especially not on this question. I mean look these sisters are being dogged by this system. The rage that they righteously have is on time and it's a big plus for our chances to make revolution. A lot of these sisters are ready to get down and some of you guys wanna piss it all away just to pull on your dick, I mean let's get with it freeze that shit. And to some of the Latino brothers who wanna treat women like their domestic slaves, who think women are supposed to cook for them, to clean from them, to wash your cloths and pamper you, I say look let's get up off of that attitude too and treat the sisters as what they are and need to be-revolutionary comrades in the struggle, that's how we got a deal with that. (clapping) And to those of you who slipped up your rap a little bit, you know somebody who wants to call their sisters, the sister that they're dealing with their queen and put them up on a pedestal instead of some of that shit that you used to call women. I mean see that ain't o target either, that ain't enough either, that don't deal with it either. See cause we don't need queens or even ladies what we need are fighters for revolution any many, many of them are gonna be female. See and you brothers who wanna cling to some of these backward ideas about women being inferior, but then think you're down for the revolution well dig this. That revolutionary army of the proletariat that I was talking about is gonna have many, many sisters in it at all levels including the commanding level. They're gonna be down for revolution all the way. Are you? (clapping) Ok now our last ace in the hole it's our proletarian internationalist stand. This means bringing together people of all nationalities to make the revolution and making sure that the revolution serves the interest of all the

oppressed and exploited people here and around the world and it means supporting revolutionary struggles throughout the world. See cause we're not Americans like [redacted] was saying. We're proletarians, we're part of an international class in an international struggle. Now when I talk about uniting people of different nationalities I know a lot of the Black, Latino, and Asian sisters and brothers wonder whether this is something that's really possible. I mean can you really get many white people to seriously join the struggle and be down for the struggle all the way and look I could understand where people are coming from. This society is thick with racism. You got a lot of backward shit out there amongst sections of White people and you got no end to this society promising to end discrimination and never delivering on those promises. So some people are skeptical when they hear me talk about this unity thing. See but there's a revolutionary view on this question and I ain't talking about some kind of pie in the sky unity under this reactionary setup. I mean look we need unity between people of different nationalities to go up against these mother fuckers and win. It's not just black people that are oppressed under this system, but people of other nationalities as well and all oppressed people have got a stake in fighting this system and fighting it to the end. People of different nationalities including White people can and must be one to taking up fight against the rotten racism and national oppression that this system puts down. But the question goes even deeper that that. You see there's a class basis to forging this kind of unity. Our class, the proletariat, is exploited here and around the world. We share a common experience, whatever our color an nationality or language, as exploited proletarians, that's what makes it possible to unite to take on the enemy now. And looking into the future its our position as a class that makes it possible for us to build a whole new world on an entirely different basis where people relate to each other in a completely different way, where people of different nationalities relate to each other on a completely different basis where among other things there's a respect and equality among people whatever their nationality. Now look America's an international exploiteror and it's dragged and driven people to these shoes plundering their homelands subjecting them to brutal exploitation there i their homelands and here in the United States. They're gonna pay for these horrendous crimes, but even more than that, these very crimes have put us in better position to make em pay. To you young fighters who've been collected here from all over the world, we know that these imperialists subject you to brutal terror with their lemigro raids, their concentration camps, and there English only laws. All this reflects their fear and vulnerability. We can bust the move through all of this shit, kick off in their asses around some of these attacks and put ourselves in better position to launch the all out revolutionary assault that can once and for all deal with them and put them to bed once and for

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all. I mean look we know the kind of brutal shit that these powers do to people back in your homeland and we know that this is a serious question for you and for many others. But get down with our Marxism, Leninist movement internationally the REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT. Hook up with the vanguard here-the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY. Fight the enemy here, fight the enemy there. And doing them in here will represent a great leap for our people, the proletarians worldwide, in our struggle to do away with imperialism and reaction everywhere for all time. Now again that's an important point let me go back over it to make sure that everybody got it. (In Spanish: Entrate con nuestro movamiento marxista, leninista, maosta internacionalmente el movmiento internacionalista revolutionario un tarte con la vengaria aqui el partido comunista revolutionario combater a el enimigo aqui, combater enimigo alla. Y la derontandoles aqui significaria un grand salto nuestro pueblo el proletariar por todo el mundo y nuestra lucia para acabar con imperialismo y todo reactionario en todos partes de una bez por todos) I wanna make sure everybody got that (clapping). So add your experience and your rage to the hot mix that is bubbling here in the belly of the beast and through that accelerate the struggle to break these powers strangle hold on people all around the world. Arise, arriba de seuga, and in any other language let's get together, get down, and kick some imperialist ass. (clapping) Now look if you want to bring all this shit down you gotta be an internationalist. You better be about mobilizing all the positive factors through revolution and we got a powerful thing going for us here in the U.S. Here we got one of the most advanced industrial countries in the world that shares a long border with an oppressed and exploited country-Mexico and down then below Mexico there's the countries of Central America where shit is intense and unstable. I mean fuck the borders of the United States, fuck the borders of the United States. (clapping) Let the revolutionary movement sweep up from the countries below it and sweep into the United States and let revolution sweep down the from border's of the United States. We didn't have this kind of situation in the 1960's the way it's developing now, so let's go all the way with it. The powers that be like to call that section of the world there back yard, will let's break down the fence and bring all kinds of exploited and oppressed people in to help tear the whole house down. Now this kind of internationalism (clapping) this kind of internationalism is gonna be a feature of the kind of revolution that we're gonna make here in the U.S. The powers that be divide people reserving the greatest privilege for whites and setting people of different nationalities off against each other. Well the proletariate stands for breaking down all these divisions and rallying people of all nationality to end all oppression by ending the criminal rule of this system. People's whose cultures and languages have been suppressed will see them flourish because the proletariat will cherish our diversity as something for al to

partake in and to learn from. And when we seize power here it won't just be for people here. It will be for the oppressed and exploited people all over the world. When we take down the blood suckers who run this monster, people all over the world will take to the streets in a celebration like you've never seen before. And the powers that remain in various parts of the world won't have enough pigs to put a lid back on the festivities that our people will jump off when we win the revolution here. So let's get the preparations for this world wide party started right and start it right now. Now look this is the goal that we set for ourselves taking the revolution all the way. To do this we gotta be busy right now. The enemy has got a plan pinning us in, locking us up, hammering us down and killing us off and they're carrying out that plan with a vengeance. Well we got one too and we gotta be just as determined in carrying our plan out. Proletarian revolution ain't some kind of never gonna happen dream. Being a revolutionary don't mean waiting around and it sure don't mean playing around. We gotta be battling the powers back on every front where they're coming down on the people. Dealing them some crunching defeats, strengthening our side, forging the kind of broad unity we'll need to win in the course of fighting back, inspiring many others to join in the battle. I mean look when they tried to shove their flag and enforce patriotism down our throats, people like [redacted] and [redacted] stepped up burned that mother fucking flag or put it on the floor and stomped on it and then threw the ashes back in there face and rallied others to join with them in that stand. They're building Nazi-like concentration camps all over the country. People like [redacted] like [redacted] in Los Angeles, like the Haitians and other rebels in Miami storm those concentration camps and fought to shut them down. They're stepping up their attacks on the homeless. We're rallying people to beat that back. Here in Chicago they're locking down the housing projects, calling themselves dealing with drugs and crime. We're rallying people to pull the covers off of that and beat back those attacks too. They're building up their murderous death machine in the Middle East well we're saying "hell no we won't go" and "fuck the U.S. and all its might, revolutionary war is the one we'll fight". (clapping) Their intervening with their military in Peru and we're building support for the people's war in Peru. See all this is happening all across the country, its happening in Los Angeles, it's happening in Houston, it's happening in New York, it's happening here in Chicago, it's happening in Detroit and in all of these battles it's the youth who are out in front, flying into the face of the powers that be. Taking these mother fuckers on, on these and other questions it's got everything to do with getting into position to overthrow them at the soonest possible moment. I mean these battles strengthen our vanguard and weld and train the revolutionary hardcore they give it crucial experience in uniting with the leading broader forces. We gotta be building up our vanguard party in the course of these battles

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as well, sinking it's roots deep especially among the basic proletarians whose conditions most cry out for the kind of revolutionary change that I've been talking about and that we're aiming for. Doing all this will strengthen our party's ability to gauge the mood of the people and the situation of the enemy so that we can determine the right time to strike and to strike hard. It will help to bring into being and to broaden the revolutionary hardcore that can rally millions and shape them into a revolutionary army of the proletariat when it's time to launch the revolutionary war for power and lead things to victory. We can do this, we can do this because the forces are there that need this kind of all the way solution and would leap at the chance to go for it. The tens of millions of proletarians many of them black people and other oppressed nationalities but also including many whites who are poor and exploited and whose basic interest lie with proletarian revolution. We can do this because there are many other struggles and forces out there that we can rally to our side. There's the struggles against the oppression of black people and other oppressed nationalities. There are many middle class forces in society who got real problems with this setup and can be won, either side with the proletariat or at least not line up with the enemy against the revolution. There are women, large numbers of youth, and many others who are victimized in many ways by this society and outraged by these powers and the atrocities that they commit against people all over the world. We can do this because the powers that be and their setup are in deep do do as their president calls it, rocked by revolutionary struggle in many different parts of the world, stretched thin trying to deal with global rivals, facing deep financial difficulties that make their global economic setup like a house of cards and fearing uprisings and resistance from among the oppressed right here in the belly of the beast. I mean they're swaggering all over the world, that's the way that bullies always do, but they remind me of that old fool that MAO talk about who had to catch ten fleas so he decided to stretch out his ten fingers to try to get them all at once and that left him wide open and vulnerable. Well these powers are stretched out just like that-they're stretched out just like that. They're stretched out trying to deal with challenges and difficulties all over the world and that leaves them wide open and vulnerable for that knock out punch I was talking about earlier. But see when we strike, we gotta strike hard and we go straight for the neck and the time that we can do that is coming ever closer, so we gotta get in position so that we can make that strike and make it the death blow that it needs to be. But you all, you young fighters are key to pulling this off. Now some people, well let me just get down on it and say it like it is, some older people say that relying on the youth is a mistake. That the youth are too immature and inexperienced to spearhead something as complex and difficult as revolution. Ok well look, we do need a blend of youth and age. We need the

maturity and experience that comes with age and you wouldn't want to try to make a revolution without it. But mostly what we need is we need the youth, we need your daring, we need your fuck everything attitude, we need your enthusiasm for going in the face of the powers that be and not backing down one inch and we even need your lack of knowledge I know people are gonna say he got up there and said he wants some dumb youth, but I mean it we need your lack of knowledge cause too many of the older experienced people learned the wrong lesson, they got the wrong knowledge. I mean look I was the anti candidate in the '84 and '88 elections. Went around the country telling people that elections wasn't about nothing it was a dead end road, that it was worse that poison and that revolution was the real way out of all this mess. See and a lot of experienced activists would always tell me that they used to be down with what I was saying, that they used to believe that, but as they grew older they learned that you had to accept what was possible right now and for them what was possible right at that moment was getting JESSE JACKSON or MICHAEL DUKAKIS or some other Democrat in so that's what they was going for. At first I was patient with this stuff and I would try to patiently explain to them where they were going wrong and what errors they were making, but after a while sisters and brothers my patience wore out, I got tired of this bullshit. I started saying to people bullshit what you really learned is you learned how to justify giving up to these powers and their reactionary setup. Now look that's a lesson that I, many of you young fighters haven't learned yet and I hope you never learn it cause that's the worst mistake that you can make giving up in the face of all this bullshit. Now some of us older fighters never learn that lesson either and some of those who did learn it can unlearn it and they need to unlearn it and then together we can bust the move on al this shit and we can move on making revolution, and build a whole new world. But you gotta step out, you young fighters, you gotta step out and do it. Now you can't cop out on us and on the oppressed people throughout the world and say some shit like, well I'm down for changing things but this revolutionary stuff it ain't never gonna work, it'll just get people to step out and get crushed. I mean look we ain't giving no guarantees of victories, but people are already being crushed by this system cause it's a meat grinder and it grinds up people for the profit of a few and we ain't gonna deal with that in anyway short of revolution. See and you can't pull a more sophisticated copout on us. Either don't say that you ain't gonna waste your time with this revolution stuff, because you've checked it out and all that revolution has ever led to is that bringing a new set of leaders in the seats of power who are gonna oppress and exploit people in their own interest. I mean look I know that the revolution got sold out in Russia and I know the revolution got sold out by [redacted] and company in China after MAO died, but see it wasn't as simple as all that. In China there were people who rallied behind MAO

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in the great proletarian culture revolution and fought capitalist rotors like [redacted] all the way and tried to stop him and even after MAO died many of them continued to fight against capitalist rotors like [redacted] Now that's a battle that they lost but they left legacy that real revolutionaries around the world can take up and advance off of. See cause these setbacks have strengthened the ability of real Communists around the world to sniff out phony Communists and phony communism and expose it and fight against it. Whether or not the revolution here goes all the way or gets sold out depends on what we do now. Building a vanguard and a revolutionary hardcore that's determined to take revolution all the way and not stop half way, that understands what it means to take the revolution all the way, and not stop part way and understands how we gotta deal on all these different battles and what kind of things we gotta be doing now to be in position to keep pushing that forward after the revolutionary struggle and then spreading that understanding as far through the ranks and beyond as possible that's our best guarantee against new groupings of capitalist-oriented people sneaking into a successful revolution seizing power and turning back. See now I said before I couldn't give you guarantee of victory, but let me give you a personal a guarantee and then they're gonna say tomorrow he guaranteed these people stuff, well I'm giving you a personal guarantee so you can say that tomorrow. People ask us where are the leaders who really got the interest of the people at heart, who won't sell out or turn tail and run when the repression comes down. Well they're right out here sisters and brothers, [redacted] the leader of the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY is ready to fight with people all the way to the end (clapping). Me, [redacted] I'm ready to fight with the people all the way to the end. REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST YOUTH BRIGADE is ready to fight with the people all the way to end. (clapping) We're ready to fight with the people and we're ready to die for the people because we love the people and there's no greater goal than fighting to free the people. (clapping) [redacted] the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY, and the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST BRIGADE are down for taking the revolution all the way. Are you? I mean look it's late in the game it's in the fourth quarter there's a few minutes left we're behind but we're still in it. You know how these basketball games go the stretch run is real crucial. The other side, they've got their best players in there for the stretch run. They're got their shot blocker's, they've got their intimidators, they got their full court press and they got it all in high gear. Our side, our people around the world, the proletarians and oppressed people, need their best players out there for the stretch run too. The players who want the ball in their hands at crunch time, the players who ain't afraid to go in the face of the enemy when everything is up for grabs. Are you one of them? Are you? Are you? Are you? Are you? Are you ready to try to slam dunk this system off the face of this earth once and for all? Fear nothing be down for the

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whole thing, seize the power prepare for revolutionary war. Thank you. (clapping) Look you've heard from me. I told you what needs to be done and how we need to move to do it. You know how I feel about all this. Well now it's your turn. I wanna know how you feel about it. I mean if you feel it I want to hear it. Now ya'll know how to do this I'm sure some of ya'll been to these rap concerts and I'm sure some of ya'll heard [redacted] and that mix of experience cause I see some young people out there and some old people should prepare us for what comes next so we gonna jump off into. (Note: The attendees' response appears in parenthesis.) I am a revolutionary! (I am a revolutionary) I love the people! (I love the people) I ain't afraid to die fighting to free the people! (I ain't afraid to die fighting to free the people) I am a revolutionary! (I am a revolutionary) I love the people! (I love the people) I ain't afraid to die fighting to free the people! (I ain't afraid to die fighting to free the people) Ok now it's your turn [redacted] (clapping)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-483237)
ATTENTION: SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7E
CID/CTS [redacted]

FROM : SAC, DENVER (100A-LA-87506) (P)

SUBJECT : REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY
DS/T
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

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Re Los Angeles airtel dated 3/19/91 and 5/15/91.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

[redacted] is requested to review the information contained herein and discuss same with the undercover unit, to determine future actions and relevant guidelines. Denver is desirous of placing both officers identified herein on the **Denver Joint Terrorism Task Force (DJTTF)**, an informal task force, and utilizing them in an undercover capacity to achieve Los Angeles' goals. These officers would [redacted] b7E

Attached to this airtel are reports of the below listed police departments regarding captioned group, and suspect sheets re: subjects described herein.

2 - Bureau
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In regard to referenced Los Angeles airtel and letterhead memorandum, dated 5/15/91, Denver contacted [redacted] on 6/3/91, to determine if the subjects set forth in this communication were known to [redacted] inasmuch as referenced communication alluded to these individuals having relocated to the Denver area. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] confided that [redacted] have been in contact with [redacted] and a yet to be identified [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

The aforementioned individuals are described as follows:

[redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted] DOB [redacted] telephone number [redacted] Photographs and descriptive data of both are enclosed. b6 b7C b7D

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Denver **Joint Terrorism Task Force (DJTTF)**, in conjunction with Los Angeles's effort, UACB, will attempt to further identify [redacted] other **RCP** recruits/members, inasmuch as known Denver area members have hinted that other members exist and that they are involved in a concerted effort to recruit members in order to form an active **RCP** group or chapter in this area. Efforts will also include determining this group's activities, especially as they may relate to violent and/or criminal activity. b6 b7C

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The following transcript reflects a REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY (RCP) speech made on September 22, 1990 at Chicago, Illinois by RCP National Spokesman, [redacted] speech is preceded by an introduction from an RCP member named [redacted]
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INTRODUCTION BY [redacted]

"We gotta go forward now and what I want to say straight up like this if people, say, if people think I'm bad or if they think the stand that I took, I, the flag battle was bad all right then you know they gotta, they gotta check out ah... they gotta check out [redacted] because uhm.. ain't nobody gonna tell you the truth, like this brother and uhm.. the poster for the tour it says on a "FEAR NOTHING BE DOWN FOR WHOLE THING TOUR" it says "Dare to Be There' and there's a whole bunch of people here I see that took that dare. So now it's time for us to get down, now it time for us to get down! [redacted] is a national spokesperson for the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY (RCP), he's a down revolutionary maoist. I got immense respect for [redacted]... this brother has got some revolutionary roots going back to the 1960's. He lived and fought in Americas hell holes. He grew up in the ghettos of Baltimore and I believe this is something that's got a whole lot of meaning especially given what's going down now in the Middle East. [redacted] did two years in LEAVENWORTH MILITARY PRISON for refusing to fight in America's genecidal war in Vietnam. But see, didn't it stop there right? Cause [redacted] ain't never backed off and he ain't never missed a step in being there and leading the people to fight the powers. [redacted] was a founding member of the RCP in 1975 and ever since he's made important contributions towards the RCP's fortune of vision and a strategy for revolution in the U. S. as party revolution for the oppressed people all over the world. [redacted] been on the front lines of many important battles. In 1985, he was out in the street in Philadelphia rallying forces against the racist bombing of the house the MOVE radicals. And then all the way up to 1990 [redacted] still out there. He was out in the streets in Brooklyn and New York City rallying forces against the whole racist [redacted] [redacted] murders of [redacted] has spoken in many places around the country and for a number of years and I wanna bring this out, a long time before a lot of other people never even made a peep about it, [redacted] was speaking out against the whole war on drugs and how it was a part of a whole fascist clamp down and a war on the people. But I think at the same time it's gotta be said, as a testimony of how thorough going of a revolutionary [redacted] is determined to break every chain of oppression that [redacted] has become widely respected for his actions and his writing denouncing and fighting against the oppression of women. There's another point I want to make about [redacted] before I bring him up and that is that in 1984, [redacted] was RCP's
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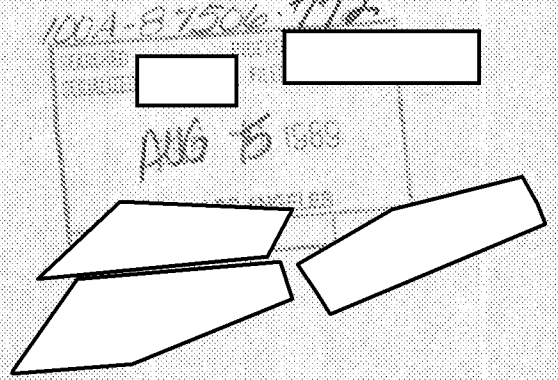

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Reference Bureau teletype to WMFO, Charlotte and Bogota, 11/5/88; and NY teletype to the Director, 12/14/88 in NY File [redacted]

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Attached for receiving offices is one (1) xerox copy of [redacted]

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Referenced 11/5/88 Bureau teletype authorized a [redacted] on captioned subject inasmuch as [redacted] has been positively identified as a member or supporter of the SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL), a Peruvian International Terrorist Group. [redacted]

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The Bureau further opined that since [redacted] is suspected by Peruvian authorities of being involved in violent operations of the SL, [redacted] presence in the United States poses a threat to the national security of this country. Therefore, an investigation should be aggressively pursued and brought to a logical conclusion in a minimal amount of time. WMFO was further instructed to conduct appropriate surveillances of [redacted] in order to identify possible contacts/associates in this area and to identify [redacted] bank accounts in order to determine if funds are being collected and transferred for use by the SL.

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On 11/28/88, WMFO surveillance personnel determined that [redacted] was [redacted] On 12/7/88, [redacted] advised [redacted]

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Referenced NY teletype advised that there is also a "Revolution Books" at 13 East 16th Street, New York, NY. Additionally, on [redacted] advised WMFO that [redacted] "Sendero Luminoso" or "Shining Path". The "Revolution Books" store in Washington, D.C. carries a wide range of "Shining Path" literature and RCP members display much more interest in Peru than they do in the more commonly supported causes such as Central America and Africa.

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The aforementioned is being disseminated to receiving offices for information. WMFO would appreciate copies of any additional communications regarding "Shining Path" operations/operatives in the United States.

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MARXIST-LENINIST revolutionary organization ideologically oriented towards the PEOPLE's REPUBLIC OF CHINA and the teachings of MAO TSE-TUNG. The constitution of the RCP states that the RCP takes "MARXIST-LENINIST", MAO TSE-TUNG thought as the theoretical basis guiding its thinking. The basic Programme of the REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY is the complete overthrow of the BOURGEOISE, the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat in place of the dictatorship of the BOURGEOISE and the triumph of socialism over capitalism. The ultimate aim of the party is a realization of communism.

The RCP has advocated the use of violence in furthering its political views. In furtherance of its goals, the RCP has been involved in the recruitment of individuals to attend a multi-group terrorist training camp.

Forceful and violent activities have been discussed at RCP meetings. The discussion of plans for a bombing at LAX and a hostage taking in a Los Angeles building are examples of this.

The RCP's connection with violent activities is also evidenced by its reported tie with the SENDERO LUMINOSO.

The RCP attempts to conceal their planned activities by engaging in clandestine meetings, using counter-surveillance techniques, using aliases and mail drops, and by placing an emphasis on extreme secretiveness in their contacts.

The following individuals are some of the key leaders, members and associates of the RCP: [redacted] b6 b7C

III. ACTIVITIES DURING THE LAST 180 DAYS:

Investigation of RCP members in the Los Angeles, California (CA), area has determined that RCP member [redacted] continues to play an active role in the RCP aboveground movement. Recent surveillance has indicated that [redacted] has indicated that [redacted] continues to conduct clandestine meetings with [redacted] b6 b7C

The meetings between [redacted] and [redacted] take place in supermarket parking lots and fast food restaurants throughout Los Angeles County. [redacted] has been observed to enter the restroom of a fast food restaurant and exit several minutes later wearing a completely different set of clothing. [redacted] has also been observed to enter the restroom of a fast food restaurant and retrieve papers from the bottom of the trash receptacle. b6 b7C

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[redacted] maintains a [redacted] while [redacted] is [redacted] on the other hand, [redacted] b6 b7C

RCP member [redacted] continues to maintain a [redacted] has been observed to frequently change [redacted] b6 b7C

On September 15, 1988, while investigating a new RCP location at [redacted] Los Angeles, CA, [redacted] and RCP member [redacted] were observed entering a vehicle which was parked south of the new location. b6 b7C

The vehicle [redacted] entered was a 1965 Plymouth, CA license [redacted] Although this vehicle had not been previously observed, [redacted] b6 b7C

Like [redacted] has maintained a [redacted] has not [redacted] However, [redacted] is responsible for [redacted] in the Los Angeles area and maintains [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] also a Los Angeles area RCP member, is known to [redacted] One of these meetings was with T-1. During the meeting, T-1 was [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On August 28, 1988, [redacted] utilized [redacted] before driving to [redacted] located at [redacted] CA. [redacted] was seen entering [redacted] vehicle with [redacted] as a passenger. This was the first time [redacted] Los Angeles, CA. [redacted] and [redacted] and were last observed heading south at the [redacted] b6 b7C

Investigation at the [redacted] revealed that a [redacted] provided an address of [redacted] CA [redacted] listed [redacted] vehicle as a [redacted] CA license [redacted] The vehicle [redacted] was driving when [redacted] picked [redacted] up at the [redacted] was a [redacted] CA license [redacted] b6 b7C

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Parked at the [redacted] when [redacted] and [redacted] left was a [redacted] Honda, [redacted] license [redacted] Investigation determined this vehicle to belong to [redacted] who was identified as [redacted] The plate on [redacted] vehicle could be indicative of an involvement with the RCP. b6 b7C

[redacted] has recently been observed [redacted] b6 b7C

During one of [redacted] in October, 1988, [redacted] was observed to [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] made contact with an unknown [redacted] male and then [redacted] was observed to carry several large items, the contents of which were unknown, [redacted] b6 b7C

There is a possibility that [redacted] b6 b7C

The most significant change in [redacted] routine was observed during [redacted] along with RCP member [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] has continued [redacted] association with [redacted] RCP members [redacted] and [redacted] has also been observed meeting with [redacted] has further been observed meeting with an individual known as [redacted] at [redacted] at [redacted] CA. [redacted] has also been observed meeting with [redacted] at that address. b6 b7C

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Investigation has determined that there may be a [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] was active between [redacted] in organizations controlled by the COMMUNIST PARTY. The [redacted] were supporters of the [redacted] and were [redacted] In 1971, the FRIEND'S OF THE BLACK PANTHERS changed to the LIBERATION UNION. b6 b7C

In 1973, the LIBERATION UNION changed to the REVOLUTIONARY UNION. The [redacted] within the REVOLUTIONARY UNION in the Los Angeles area and [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] has been used extensively in the past for REVOLUTIONARY UNION and RCP activities. These activities included the printing of the REVOLUTIONARY UNION newspaper. b6 b7C

It has not yet been determined if [redacted] is the true identity of the individual living at the [redacted] address. Due to [redacted] it is possible this individual could be RCP member [redacted] b6 b7C

The individual at the [redacted] address is of particular interest due to the following observations: b6 b7C

1. [redacted]
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5. [redacted]
6. [redacted]
7. [redacted]

Although [redacted] has been observed at the [redacted] address [redacted] has not been observed since August 28, b6 b7C

REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY

1988, when [redacted] was seen [redacted] b6
The current whereabouts of [redacted] is unknown, but the possibility b7C
that [redacted] CA is being investigated.

[redacted] Los Angeles area RCP b6
member, has also [redacted] Investigation has b7C
determined that [redacted]

During demonstrations [redacted] and Los Angeles, b6
[redacted] has been observed [redacted] b7C

The status of [redacted] in the RCP is [redacted] b6
[redacted] and [redacted] b7C
[redacted] has been observed meeting with
[redacted] and [redacted]

On July 25, 1988, [redacted] met with T-1 for [redacted] b6
[redacted] During the meet, [redacted] informed T-1 that [redacted] b7C
[redacted] b7D

On July 29, 1988, T-1 met [redacted] with [redacted] b6
Investigation has determined that [redacted] is actually [redacted] b7C
[redacted] an RCP member from the [redacted] area.

[redacted] has a [redacted] b6
[redacted] b7C

On July 29 and 30, 1988, [redacted] was observed to have a
[redacted] an individual who has been identified b6
as [redacted] drives a 1967 [redacted] Chevrolet [redacted] b7C
CA license [redacted] The vehicle is registered to [redacted] at [redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles, California. That
address has reportedly been occupied by [redacted] since
September, 1979.

On August 7, 1988, T-1 met with [redacted] and was [redacted] b6
[redacted] b7C

Prior to August 21, 1988, [redacted] had been observed at a b6
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IV. JUSTIFICATIONS FOR CONTINUATION OF INVESTIGATION:

The facts and circumstances, as set out above, reasonably indicate that a group of individuals are engaged in a united effort for the purpose of furthering their political goals, wholly or in part, through activities that involve force or violence and a violation of the criminal laws of the United States.

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T-1 advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

SENDERO LUMINOSO [redacted]

The SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) was formed politically in Ayacucho, Peru, in 1970, with the first armed action occurring in May, 1980. By 1986, the SL insurgency had led to over ten thousand deaths, economic sabotage estimated at 2.5 billion dollars, martial law in much of Peru, and acts of terrorism in Lima and other cities in Peru.

Anything representing domestic power and privilege and any symbol of foreign Imperialism are targets of the SL. Foreign targets chosen by the SL are usually either business or diplomatic. SL has bombed UNITED STATES CULTURAL CENTERS on at least twelve occasions in six different cities in Peru.

In November, 1987, T-2 was told [redacted] the SL. T-2 was also told [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

T-3 and T-4 were also told [redacted] the SL.

In the fall of 1987, T-3 [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

the SL. [redacted]

From October through December, 1987, T-3 [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On April 6, 1988, T-4 [redacted] b7D

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T-4 [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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According to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

T-4 advised [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

On July 25, 1988, the Peruvian newspaper "EL DIARIO", a pro-guerrilla newspaper in Lima, published what it called Maoist rebel commander [redacted] first interview since he became the leader of the SL ten years ago. [redacted] was quoted as saying that the rebels have restored several ties with international communist movements, but declined to name them, and therefore did not provide evidence of a link between the SL and the RCP. b6 b7C

Evidence of a link between the RCP and [redacted] was provided on May 19, 1987, when [redacted] was observed at [redacted] Los Angeles, Ca, residence of [redacted] is employed at [redacted] b6 b7C

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In an attempt to determine the nature of [redacted] connection with the RCP, an Undercover Special Agent (UCA) [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

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On [redacted] the UCA [redacted]

[redacted] It has been determined that [redacted]

[redacted] It has also been determined that [redacted]

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On [redacted] talked with the UCA [redacted]

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On [redacted] told the UCA [redacted]

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[redacted] told the UCA that [redacted]

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On [redacted] told the UCA that [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

On the same date, [redacted] told the UCA that [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

On [redacted] told the UCA that [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

On [redacted] was interviewed by members of the [redacted]. [redacted] was advised [redacted] was being interviewed in connection with [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] was questioned about [redacted] involvement with [redacted] advised [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] was asked if [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] b6 b7C

On the day [redacted] was interviewed [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] had never previously been seen [redacted] b6 b7C

On [redacted] told the UCA [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] told the UCA [redacted]

It had previously been determined that the individual [redacted] b6 b7C

On August 1, 1988, [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

On [redacted] the UCA again spoke with [redacted] about [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Besides confirming [redacted] connection with [redacted] investigation has uncovered a direct connection between [redacted] and [redacted] On August 21, 1988, [redacted] was observed to drive into a fast food restaurant parking lot. When [redacted] exited the parking lot, [redacted] was observed to be a passenger in [redacted] vehicle. b6 b7C

[redacted] drove to another restaurant, and [redacted] and [redacted] entered. While in the restaurant, they did not meet with any other individuals. After leaving the restaurant, [redacted] drove a distance away and pulled to the curb where [redacted] and [redacted] had an approximately five minute conversation. [redacted] then exited the vehicle, and [redacted] drove away. b6 b7C

residence at [redacted] CA. That apartment is occupied by [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

As of August 21, 1988, [redacted] has been observed at [redacted] Los Angeles, California. Since August 12, 1988, an individual known as [redacted] has been living at that address. b6 b7C

T-1 continues to meet with [redacted] and has been [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Besides continuing to meet with [redacted] T-1 has [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] has stated [redacted] was associating with various members of the RCP [redacted] California, during 1982. [redacted] noted [redacted] recalled one of the individuals was known as [redacted] (phonetic). [redacted] also noted the RCP knew that he. b6 b7C

T-1 also [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Investigation has determined that [redacted] and [redacted] from the [redacted] area, have been associated with the RCP. [redacted] and [redacted] have been active in [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] has a [redacted] It has been reported that in March, 1971, [redacted] b6 b7C

It has not yet been determined if [redacted] had been in contact with [redacted] or another individual with the same name. b6 b7C

Memorandum

To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100A-87506) [redacted] (P) Date 6/17/88

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : REVOLUNTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY (RCP);
DS/T
OO: Los Angeles

Reference Los Angeles LHM dated April 26, 1988, and San Francisco airtel dated May 25, 1988.

Referenced Los Angeles LHM and San Francisco airtel report there is RCP connection with the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path). The Sendero Luminoso is a terrorist organization in Peru, South America. The Sendero Luminoso is responsible for over 10,000 deaths, many of them innocent civilians and and estimated 2.5 billion dollars worth of economic damage all which have taken place in Peru.

Due to the extreme violence of the Sendero Luminoso and possible ties the RCP may have with it, it is recommended that a sub file be opened and a investigation be conducted to attempt to verify (1) the existance of the Sendero Luminoso in Los Angeles and (2) determine as best as possible the extent of the relationship between the RCP and the Sendero Luminoso.

It is recommended that the RCP main file be reviewed and all information regarding the Sendero Luminoso be consolidated into the new sub file.

It is recommended that the sub file regarding the Sendero Luminoso be assigned to SA [redacted] due to his prior investigation regarding the Sendero Luminoso and due to his contacts within the Los Angeles area that would facilitate investigation regarding the Sendero Luminoso and its connection with the RCP.

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Will, through established sources, remain alert for additional reporting which suggests the RCP is actively aligning itself with the SL.

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movement on September 16, 1978. It was founded at San Cristobal de Huamanga University in Ayacucho, Peru by [redacted] a philosophy professor. When it was first formed it hanged dogs from lamp posts in Lima, Peru, labeling them with the names of its enemies. On May 15, 1980, the SL began a series of violent attacks, including bombings and indiscriminate killings, in the south-central highlands of Peru. Eventually the terrorist tactics spread throughout Peru. b6 b7C

The goal of the SL is to stimulate a peasant armed struggle in Peru that will lead to an overthrow of the current established order and create a socialist and ethnic government by the year 2000. The Senderistas, as they are known in Peru, attack U.S. and other foreign targets they identify as imperialist in an effort to eliminate foreign influence in Peru.

The SL has hopes to create a rural-based insurgency which will move into the cities and destroy the current Peruvian system of government. The SL is believed to have evolved from an extremist splinter group of the Peruvian Communist Party and it is attempting to radicalize the Marxist-Leninist movement in Peru. It believes the traditions of the native Quechua Indians of Peru are the proper elements for a new political system. By using names and symbols from Peru's Indian heritage, the SL has been able to attract support that a purely Marxist ideology and movement might not have attracted.

The SL, which has an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 members, is capable of conducting both urban terrorism and rural guerrilla warfare. Although it is well trained, it attempts to avoid direct confrontation with the Peruvian military unless it can attack with overwhelming force. Most of its weapons and armaments are limited to those captured from security forces and explosives stolen from mines. Unlike most Latin American terrorist groups the SL is not believed to have links to foreign sponsors. It appears to be a wholly indigenous movement.

At its rural bases the SL conducts aggressive recruitment and indoctrination programs. Its recruiting practices frequently target 12- to 15-year olds who can be molded into highly motivated activists, sometimes bordering on fanatics. It employs a cellular

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structure for terrorist operations and each cell has at least one female member. Women also serve as members of assault teams, smugglers, intelligence operations and messengers.

Gruesome assassinations are a hallmark of the SL. Victims are often ritually mutilated and the corpses left on public display. This aspect of their modus operandi is partly a reflection of an Indian belief that an unmutilated victim's spirit can reveal its killer. Furthermore, mutilation magnifies the terror effect of the killing. When operational considerations prevent mutilation from taking place the SL generally kills its victim by shooting them in the head at point blank range thus effecting mutilation.

While the SL has only conducted terrorist attacks in Peru it is likely that in the future U.S. citizens in Peru may be victims of SL attacks; thus necessitating possible FBI extraterritorial investigations. As the SL has continued to escalate its campaign of terror in Peru a number of U.S. establishments have been attacked as well as Peruvian tourist sites frequented by U.S. citizens. Following is a selected list of SL attacks involving U.S. persons or businesses:

- August, 1981, the U.S. Embassy, Bank of America, the Coca-Cola Bottler and a dairy product firm associated with the Carnation company were bombed.

- July, 1982, two dynamite bombs were thrown at the U.S. Embassy.

- November, 1984, U.S. Peruvian Cultural Institute in Lima, Peru was bombed.

- June, 1986, the Cuzco to Machu Picchu tourist train was bombed causing the death of two U.S. citizens and several other foreigners. (Machu Picchu, an ancient Inca fortress, is one of the leading tourist attractions in Peru.)

Although the Government of Peru has provided information alleging that an SL support structure exists in the United States, to date, no information has been developed supporting the allegation. The Peruvian Government has reported that the Support Committee for the People's War in Peru based at the University of California at

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Berkeley and the Carlos Mariategui Cultural Center in New York, New York, collects funds for the SL. Investigation is currently underway to fully identify these organizations and their activities.

Another Peruvian terrorist group which has attacked U.S. establishments in Peru in the past is the MRTA-MIR, a union of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) and the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR). Both groups are descended from the MIR of the early 1960's. After suffering a number of setbacks, the MIR broke up into numerous factions some of which banded together with other radicals in 1978 to form the People's Democratic Unity (UDP). The UDP in turn joined the United Left (IU) coalition in 1980. In 1982, however, a MIR faction, known as MIR-Benitez, broke away from the UDP. According to MIR members, the dissidents were uncomfortable with the IU parties' reliance on elections. This faction perceived the SL's growing influence as proof that Peru was ripe for guerrilla war. They subsequently became the nucleus of the MRTA which began armed operations in mid-1984. Another MIR faction surfaced in July, 1985, under the name of the People's Revolutionary Command; however, in 1986 changed its name back to MIR. This group joined the MRTA in December, 1986, to form the MRTA-MIR.

The MRTA-MIR fits the mold of the more traditional Latin Marxist guerrilla/terrorist groups. It is urban, anti-U.S., Pro-Soviet and draws its members from the disaffected youth of the upper and middle class. Unlike the SL it openly declares its support for Cuba, the Soviet Bloc and guerrilla groups in El Salvador, Columbia, Ecuador and Chile. The MRTA-MIR has criticized the SL for indiscriminate and provocative violence. Although MRTA-MIR attacks are potentially deadly they are usually orientated toward propaganda effects rather than casualties.

Although the MRTA-MIR remains the smaller of Peru's two major terrorist groups, it is highly anti-United States and has attacked U.S. businesses and U.S. Government installations in Peru. Consequently, like the SL, this group could, in the future, cause the death or injury of a U.S. person, possibly giving rise to an FBI extraterritorial investigation.

Questions or comments concerning this report may be directed to FBIHQ, Terrorist Research and Analytical Center, Room 4266, Ext. 2064.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-471207)
(Attn: SSA [redacted] CID-Counterterrorism Section)

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100A-65253)(P) [redacted]

SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY (RCP);
D/S-T
OO: Los Angeles

SENDERO LUMINOSO;
IT-Peru

Re: San Francisco airtel to the Bureau and Los Angeles, dated March 2, 1988, captioned "RCP; D/S-T; OO: Los Angeles"; Bureau teletype to New York, Miami, San Francisco and Legat Bogata, dated March 18, 1988, captioned "SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL); IT-Peru"; San Francisco airtel, dated May 4, 1988, captioned "RCP; D/S-T; OO: Los Angeles".

Enclosed for recipients are the following:

Bureau:

(1) Two copies of California Driver's License photo of [redacted]

(2) Four copies (two for Legat Bogata) of list of SENDERO LUMINOSO terrorist acts in Peru 1/1/88--2/15/88, as furnished by [redacted] during the Basic Terrorism In-Service (3/14--18/88)

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(6) Two copies (both for Legat Bogata) of referenced San Francisco airtel of 3/2/88

Boston:

Two copies each of #2-6 listed above

Chicago:

Two copies each of #2-6 listed above

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Los Angeles:

(1) Two copies each of #1-6 above.

(2) [redacted] b7D

(3) Two copies of referenced Butel of March 18, 1988, and Bureau airtel of September 4, 1987.

New Orleans:

(1) Two copies each of #2-6 above.

(2) Two copies of referenced Butel of March 18, 1988, and Bureau airtel of September 4, 1987.

Referenced San Francisco airtel referred to information furnished by [redacted] that source had been told [redacted] SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL), aka Shining Path, of Peru, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E Referenced San Francisco airtel also set forth information provided by [redacted] and [redacted] which seems to support the above information furnished by [redacted] in that both of these sources furnished information that [redacted]

During [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

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[redacted] SL/"Shining Path".

On February 12, 1988, and April 6, 1988, [redacted] reported that [redacted]

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On April 6, 1988 [redacted] source advised [redacted]

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On April 19, 1988, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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San Francisco has not [redacted] which [redacted] however, on April 28, 1988, [redacted] furnished a [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E San Francisco feels it may be worthwhile to [redacted] in order to get a clearer picture of the current goals/motivations/activities of the RCP, particularly in view of the indications that the RCP is "joining forces" with the SL. [redacted]

On April 6, 1988, [redacted] furnished [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

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Referenced Bureau airtel of 9/4/87, is an article produced by TRAC, regarding the development, objectives and actions of the SL. This article indicates that although the SL has not conducted terrorist attacks in the U.S., the Peruvian Government has passed information alleging that several groups, which may be associated with the SL, have attempted to obtain funds in the U.S.. This article also notes that in Peru, the

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group has attacked U.S. and other foreign national targets, and has conducted a large number of indiscriminate bombings; thus, it is possible that in the future a U.S. person could be the subject of such an attack by the SL in Peru, which would cause the FBI to initiate an extraterritorial investigation.

During a Basic Terrorism FBI In-Service, held 3/14-18/88, at the Xerox Training Center in Leesburg, Virginia, one [redacted] a former FBI Agent for [redacted] and presently [redacted] was one of the featured guest speakers (presented by SSA [redacted] CTS, FBIHQ). [redacted] indicated that he and his staff [redacted] He noted that at the present time, by far the most dangerous area in the world to travel is in Peru, because of the terrorist actions of the SL, and the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, also known as the MRTA. [redacted] furnished a comprehensive list (copy enclosed) of terrorist actions which had occurred in Peru from 1/1/88 until 2/15/88; the list clearly shows that the SL was responsible for the majority of the actions (as noted by an asterisk by each incident involving the SL). [redacted] indicated that he has received information from some of his sources in Peru (which he had not collaborated as of the date of his speech on 3/14/88) that the SL is now operating in two cities in the U.S., those two cities purportedly being Los Angeles, California, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Referenced Buairtel of 3/18/88, furnished a comprehensive list (compiled from press reports, [redacted] and official statements by the GOP) of terrorist actions which had occurred in Peru from 2/16/88 until 3/1/88. Of note, the use of bombing devices seems to be increasing.

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In summary, for consideration of the Bureau and receiving offices (particularly Los Angeles, as office of origin), due to the violent and extremist actions of the SL, and

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numerous indications from various sources that the RCP is aligning itself with the SL, it would seem that this possible connection between the RCP and the SL warrants further investigation. (This would seem to be especially significant if the SL has, in fact, now begun operating within the U.S., and since it is conceivable that in the future, U.S. citizens could become the subjects of SL attacks in Peru). Based on available information, it seems unlikely that the SL would initiate terrorist acts within the U.S., but instead would utilize the U.S. as fertile ground to seek financial and public support for their effort. What seems to be the more poignant concern about the RCP aligning itself with the SL, is not only the possibility that the RCP may be furnishing financial support to help promote the terrorist acts of the SL in Peru, but also the possibility that RCP members in the U.S. may undergo training by the SL (particularly if the SL actually has contingents of the group operating in the U.S.) in guerilla warfare and terrorist tactics. (In this regard, it is worth noting that in the Summer of 1986, [redacted] reported [redacted]

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to:

1. Through established liaison with SSA [redacted] CTS, FBIHQ, contact [redacted] and attempt to develop more information as to [redacted] comments (during the Basic Terrorism In-Service) that his sources in Peru have reported that the SL now has contingents operating within the U.S., specifically in Los Angeles and New Orleans.

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2. Initiate Bureau indices checks and [redacted] re [redacted] for being suspected of being involved in the 8/13/87, murder of

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two government workers by the SL just outside Ayacucho, Peru. (Primarily of interest would be any prior reporting to indicate that [redacted] was affiliated with the RCP and/or any of the RCP front groups.) b6 b7C

3. Initiate Bureau indices checks and, [redacted] re [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E
[redacted] DOB [redacted] POB [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted]

4. Conduct liaison and furnish a copy of this communication and enclosures to Legat, Bogata.

LEADS:

BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. Will conduct indices checks re [redacted] years old. (Of note, the enclosed [redacted] indicates that [redacted] which seems to suggest [redacted] b6 b7C

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Same lead as set forth for Boston Division (inasmuch as [redacted] seemed to recall that the individual source met, which may be [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

LEGAT, BOGATA

AT AYACUCHO AND LIMA, PERU. 1. Will, through established sources and liaison with local authorities, attempt to obtain an actual photo of [redacted] (to be viewed by [redacted], as well as obtain any available information surrounding [redacted] background and the incidents surrounding [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

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2. Will, through established sources and liaison with local authorities, obtain any information which collaborates above information that the SL now has contingents operating within the U.S., that the SL is receiving financial support from factions within the U.S., and that RCP members may be traveling to Peru to join up with SL guerillas.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. 1. Will, through established sources, attempt to develop information to confirm or disavow the aforementioned reporting that the SL now has a contingent operating in the U.S., specifically in Los Angeles and New Orleans.

2. Will conduct indices checks re [redacted] DOB [redacted] POB [redacted] SSAN [redacted] Will show enclosed photograph of [redacted] to established sources in an effort to determine if [redacted] has been active in the RCP in the Los Angeles area.

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3. Will, if deemed feasible, utilize the enclosed [redacted] to have [redacted] and thereafter have [redacted]

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4. Will task [redacted] to attempt to develop more information as to the nature of the relationship between the RCP and the SL, particularly in relation to RCP members traveling to Peru, and in relation to the [redacted]

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NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Same leads as set forth in #1 above for Los Angeles Division.

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INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM - PERU

For the information of recipients, the Terrorist Research and Analytical Center (TRAC) at FBIHQ is producing short, informative articles on a variety of subjects to help FBI personnel stay abreast of international and domestic developments which may impact on investigations. The following will address the development, objectives and actions of the Peruvian terrorist group Sendero Luminoso (SL). Although this group has not conducted terrorist attacks in the United States the Peruvian Government has passed information alleging that several groups which may be associated with the SL have attempted to obtain funds here. In Peru the group has attacked U.S. and other foreign national targets and conducted a large number of indiscriminate bombings. Consequently, it is possible that a U.S. person could be the subject of an attack by the group in Peru causing the FBI to initiate an extraterritorial investigation.

Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path), is a communist revolutionary, anti-Peruvian and anti-U.S. terrorist organization that adheres to the classic teachings of Commuist Chinese revolutionary Mao Zedong. It formally established itself as a Peruvian liberation

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